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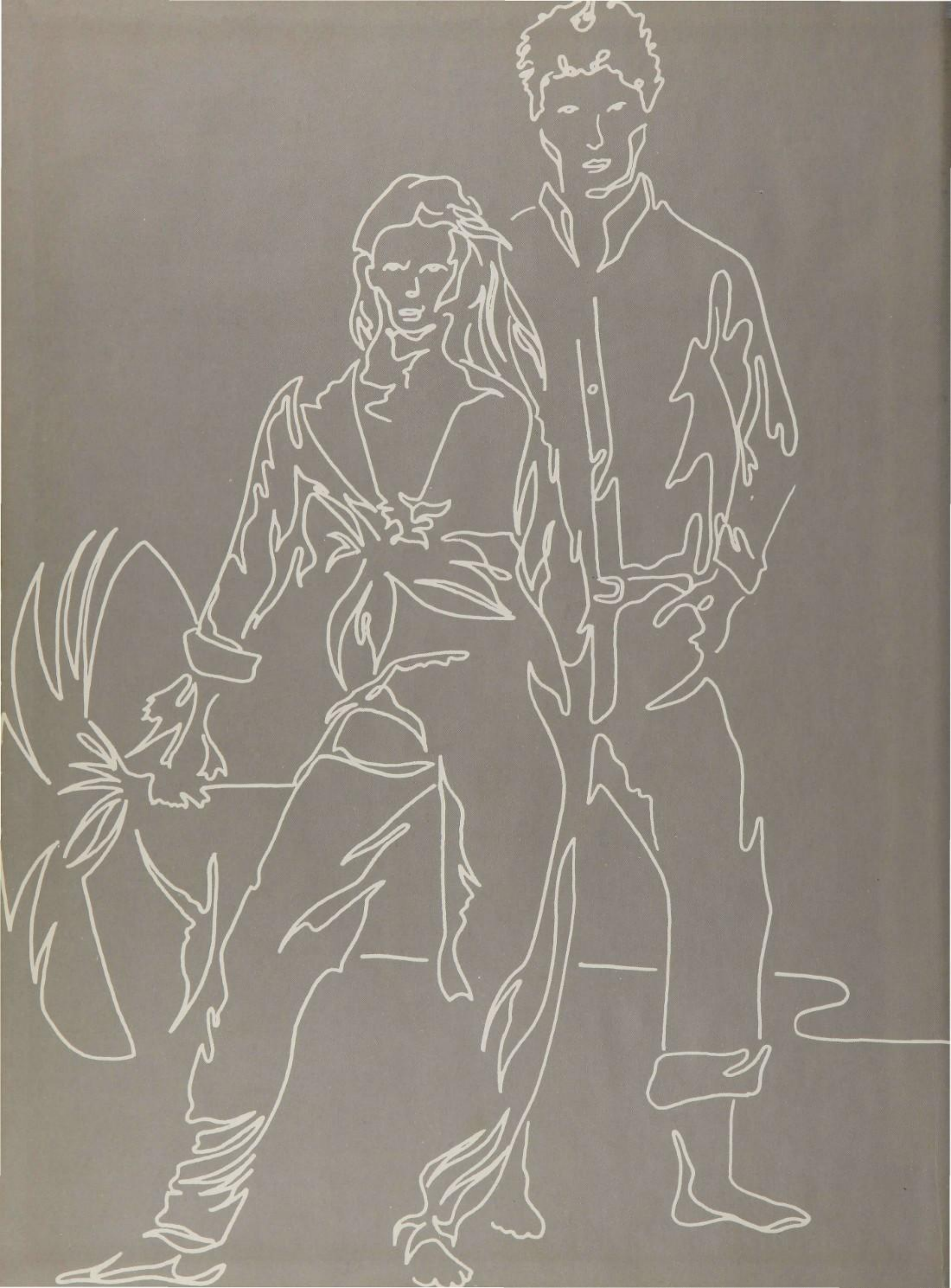

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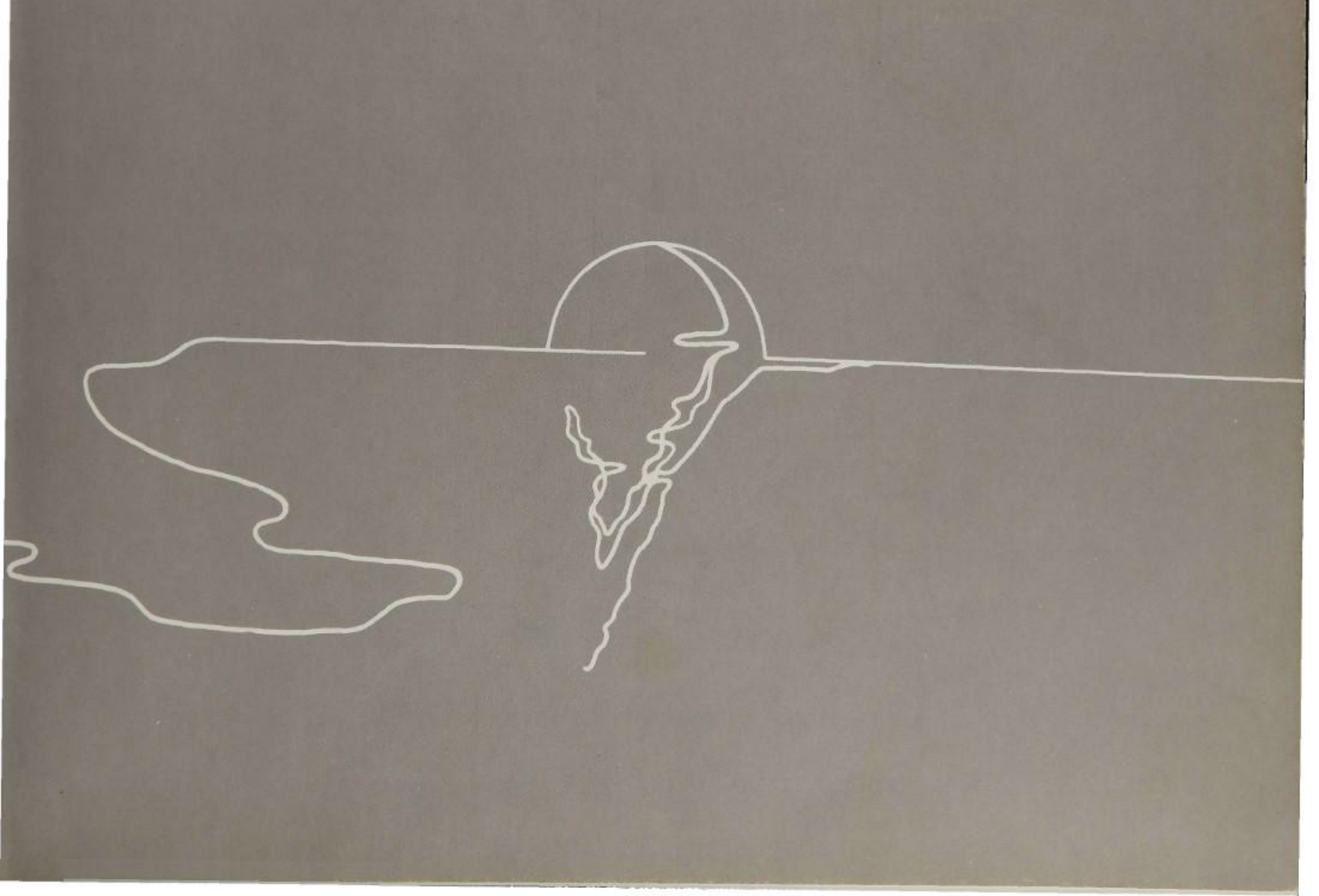

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Celebration of Seniors

The Seniors of North High perfectly displayed the enthusiasm and determination of a first class group of students. After twelve years of struggling, working hard, and learning, the Class of '85 finally made it to the top.

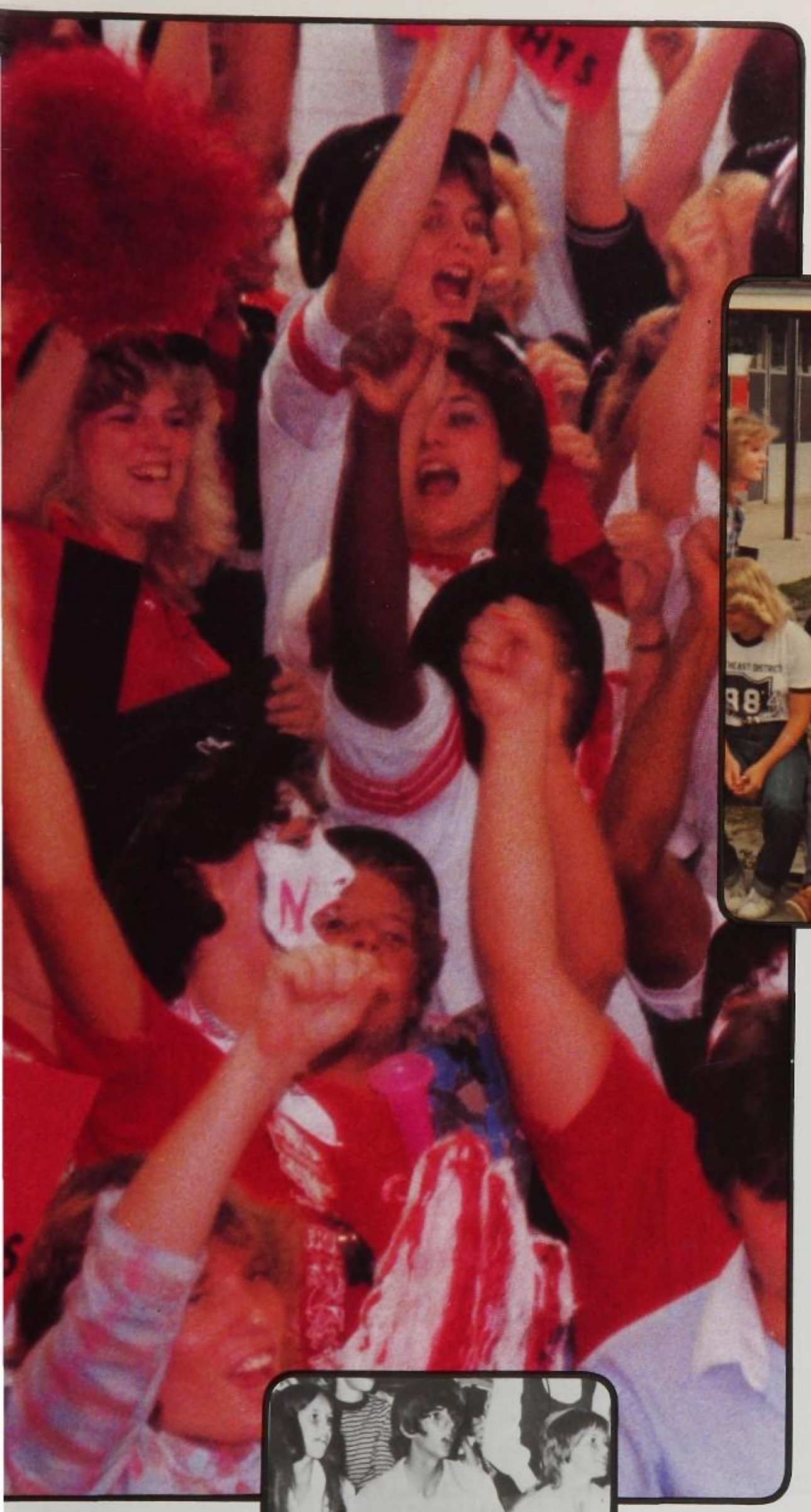
During the 1984-85 school year, 269 seniors grew closer together to help celebrate the Silver Anniversary of North High. Their last year of high school was filled with exciting and magical moments. Selling spirit ribbons, senior derbys, and "North #1" pins were just a few traditions the Class of '85 upheld. Another tradition at North High was the "Spirit Stick." During the first pep rally the Seniors did not hold back any enthusiasm. They might have been North's smallest class in size this year, but they were the biggest in spirit.

With the funds raised, students were busy all year long. Senior pictures, Homecoming week, Grad Nite, Cruise, and Prom . . . these were just a few things that kept the Red Knights busy.

When the fun was over, questions were asked, What do I do? Where do I go? These questions went through many seniors' heads. It was time to plan the future. Big decisions had to be made. The past year had been filled with thoughts. Whether it's off to acquire more education or start a family, whatever the Class of '85 does, they are sure to do it with style, flare, and finesse.

Raising money for the senior class by selling spirit ribbons to *Rae Ann Coup*, are *Beth Gurnham* and *Tiffany Castle*.

Senior spirit successfully conquers the "spirit stick."



A favorite hang-out for the senior class is by North's mascot.

Burning with spirit, former Red Knights support their team.

The junior class quietly listens as the band plays during a pep rally.

Helping the junior executive council raise money by selling pom poms are *Shelley Gartner, Amy Wright, Dina Barnes, Denise Hernandez* and *Michelle Young*.

Participating in extra curricular activities, former knights display their support for North High.

Celebration of Juniors

The Class of '86 patiently waited for their last underclassman year to wind to a close. Celebrating the Silver Anniversary was exciting for the juniors who presented the unforgettable 25th Anniversary Junior-Senior Prom.

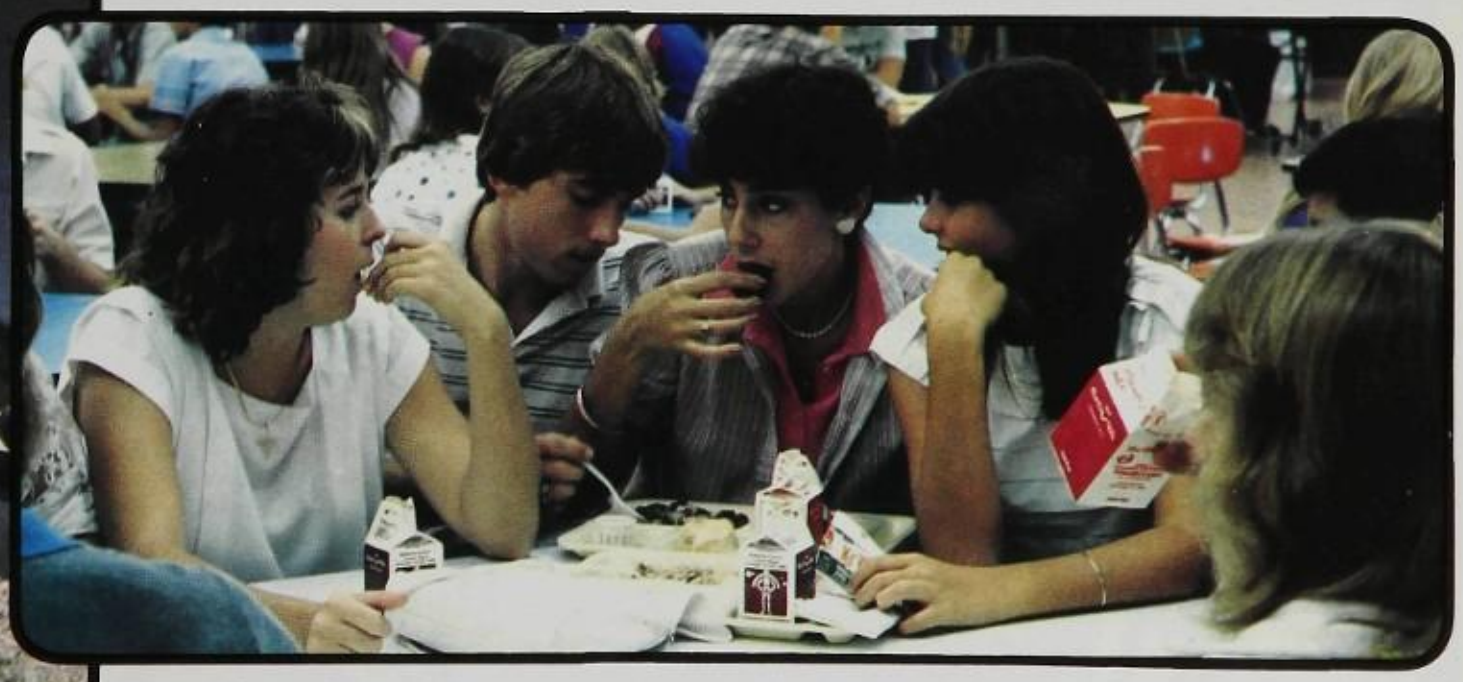
These students displayed their spirit in numerous ways. Attending sports events, participating in fund-raisers, and cheering at pep rallies offered them the chance to give their best performances.

During the 1984 summer school session, several ambitious and dedicated juniors sold snacks during the two breaks on each of the thirty-two days of classes. Candy, pickles, sausage, and gum were sold so the juniors could accumulate money for the 1985 Prom.

At the beginning of the regular school year, junior executive council members sold calendars and pom-poms. As the year progressed, these same students sold cheese and sausage and heart-shaped Valentine balloons.

Preparing for the future was also a serious concern for juniors. Decisions about their future careers were on the agenda. Early decisions were easily accomplished with the help of counselor *June Herrell*.

As the school year ended, the junior class continued their preparation to be seniors who will lead North High to another successful year.



Juniors *Donna Bradley, Dana Berry, Stephanie Paparesta,* and *Margie Mimms* join at lunch to swap gossip.

Celebration of Sophomores

Spirit and dedication, coupled with motivation and desire to succeed were the elements of success which the sophomores possessed.

The Class of '87 had experienced the pains and trials of that "breaking-in" year and were set to take on more leadership during their second year at North. At pep rallies, they raised their voices, pots and pans, bells and horns — a sharp contrast from their previous year. No longer plagued by the fact they would occupy "floor" seats at assemblies, they trooped *en masse to the bleachers and sang out* strong.

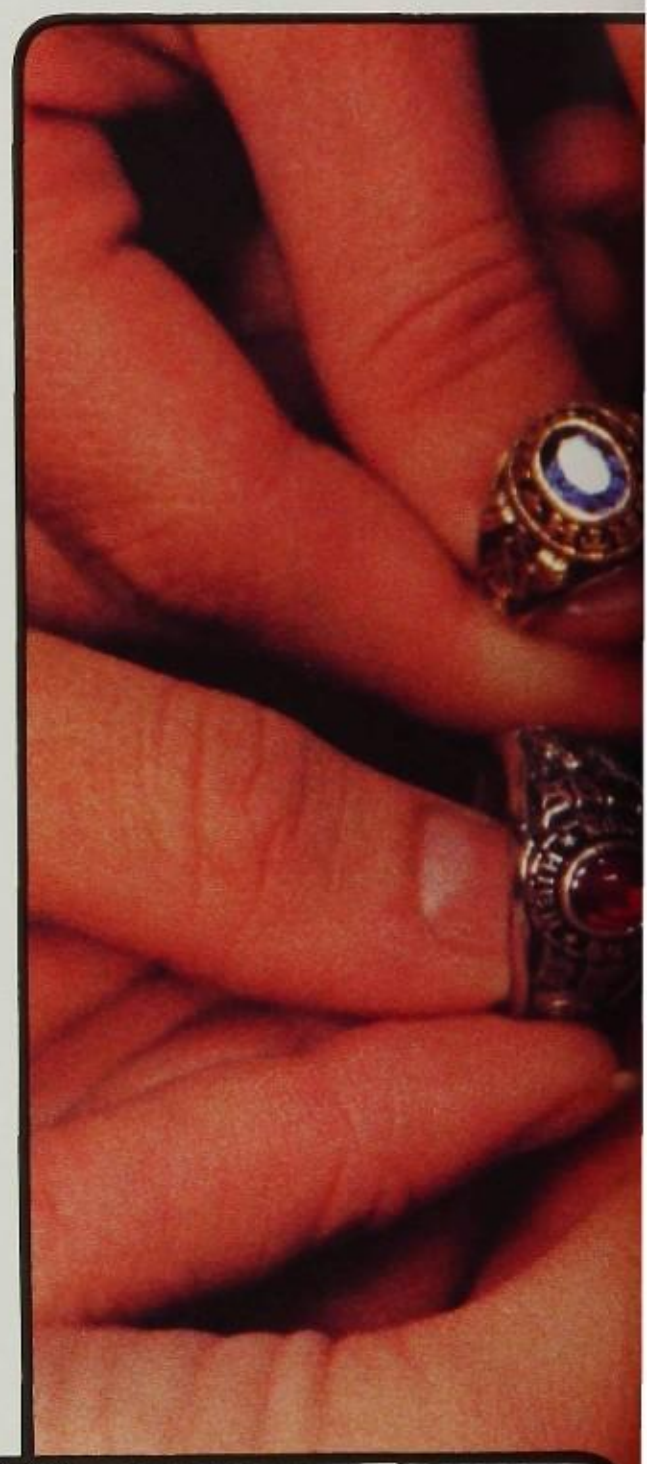
North's second year Knights also took to the roads as the majority of the tenth graders acquired their restricted driver's licenses. These students gleefully shared their "horrible mug shots" among their friends at the lunch tables.

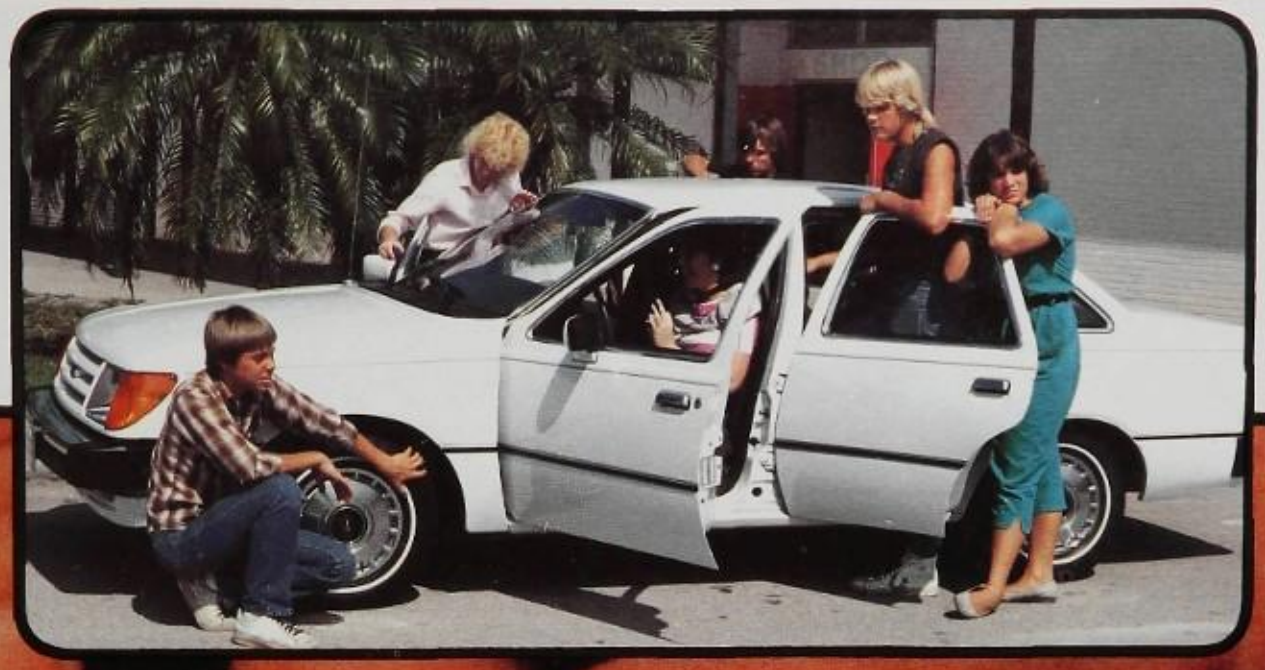
During the year, sophomores held bake sales and sold various other fund-raising items so they could get a head start on money for the prom they would have to offer the next year.

Dating became a very important and prominent aspect of the tenth graders' lives. Many notes about their love-lives were passed among the love-smitten.

Late in the year, sophomores contemplated the ordering of class rings. Great care was taken in the selection because they knew those rings would always remind them of their special times at North.

The Class of '87 took on new and greater responsibility during this school year. Their emerging independence and leadership gave all Red Knights support in our 25th year. Indeed, the sophomore class is eager and ready for the tasks of the forth-coming junior year.



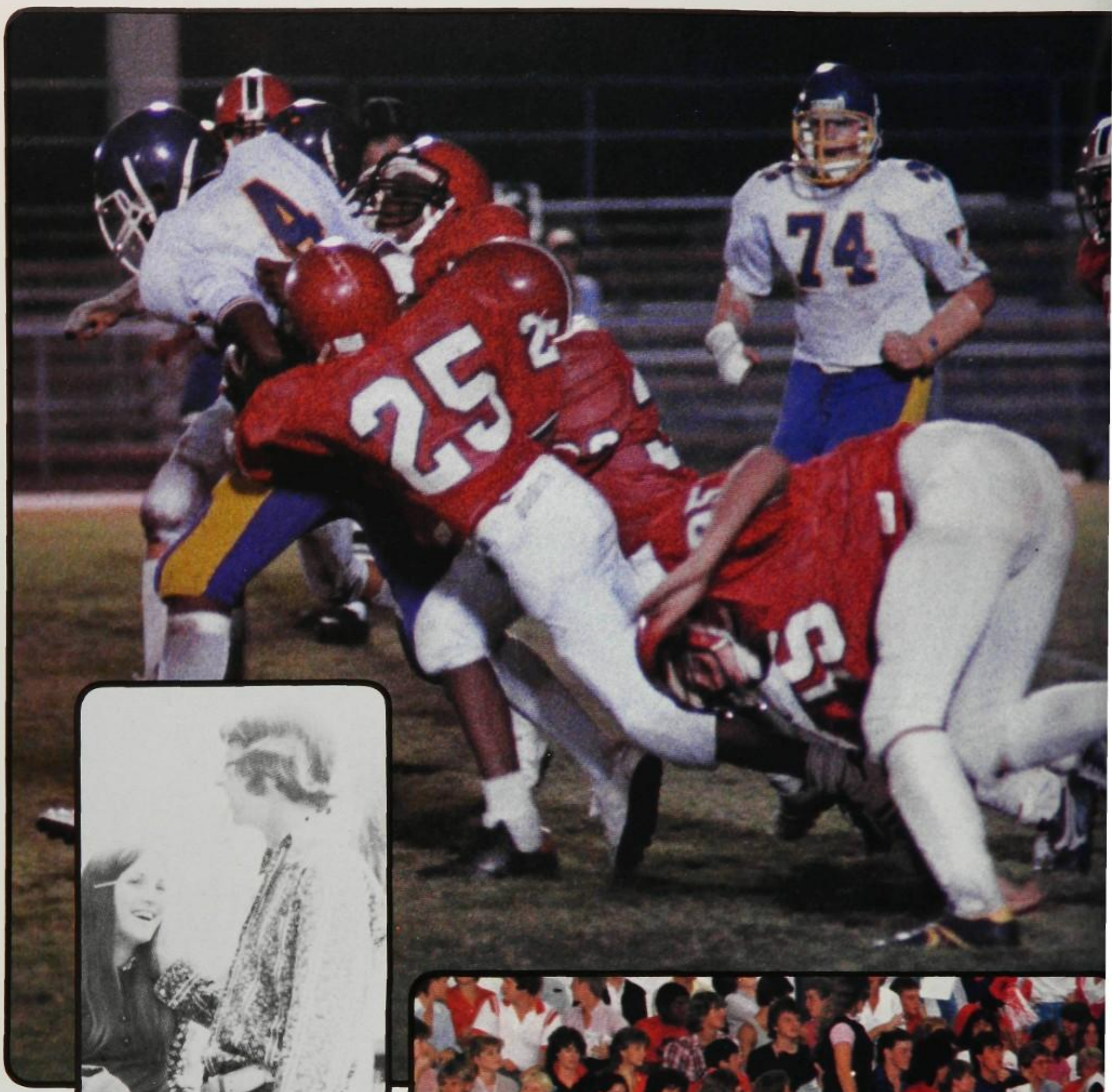


Eager to get behind the wheel, sophomores *Tyler Potter, Renee Mitchell, Suzanne Marcellin, Bob Keehn, Chuck Larson,* and *Renee Josrock* climb into the driver education car.

Sophomore Red Knights proudly display their newly acquired class rings.

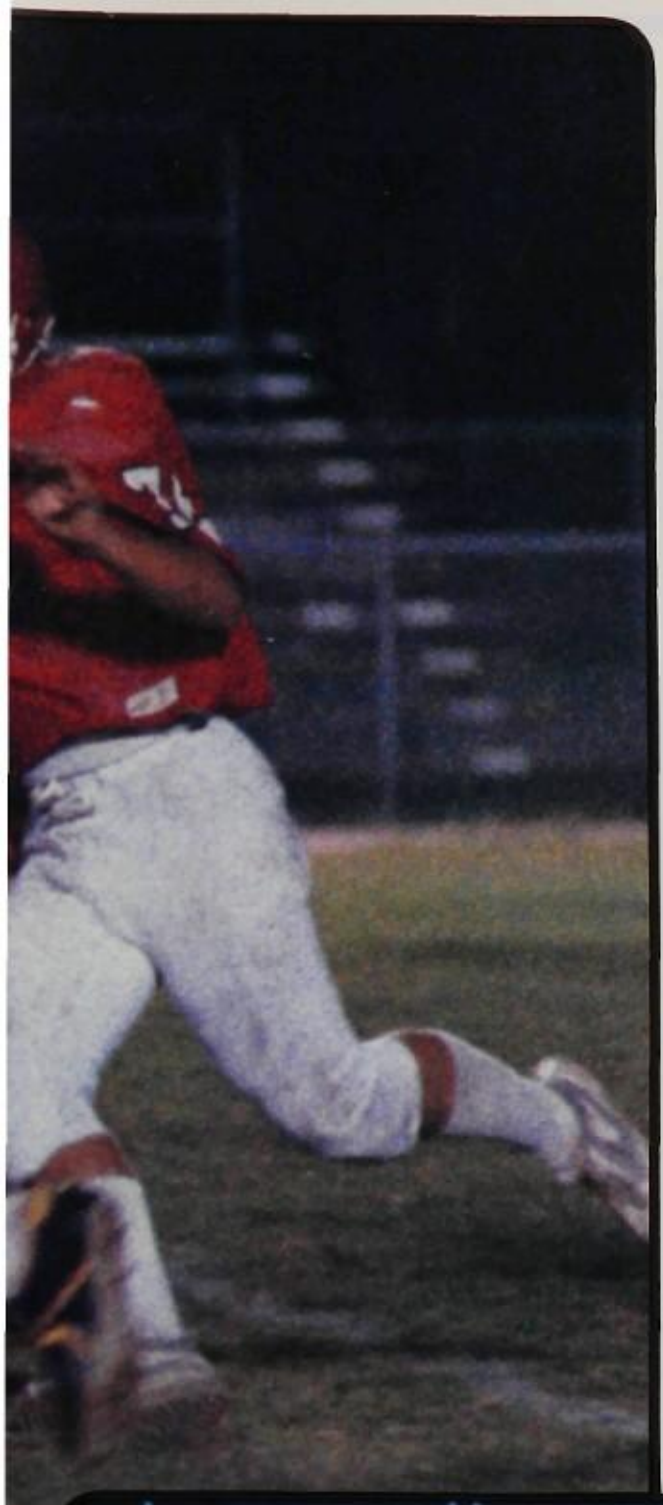
During one of the first pep rallies, former sophomores cheer for victory.

Not to be outdone, sophomores give it all they have for the Red Knights.



Former Red Knights stop for a moment of quick conversation.

The class of '88 proudly display their spirit at a pep rally.



The Freshman Football Team defend their goal by tackling one of the many Cypress Lake players.

Celebration of Freshmen

New friends, new teachers, new surroundings, new regulations — new school! In August of 1984 over 600 eager students joined the freshman class and became an integral part of the Red Knight family.

The transition from the "almighty eighth grader" to the "lowly freshman" was handled smoothly as these ninth graders proudly displayed their enthusiasm with banners and posters at the pep rallies. North High spirit quickly infiltrated their blood. Athletic students joined sports teams, including junior varsity football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, and baseball. Several girls became members of the junior varsity cheering squad. Numerous musicians were already part of the marching band. Scholarly freshmen soon were selected for the Freshman Achievement Program. The energetic freshman executive council members sold red, white, and black balloons on campus and at games in order to build a treasury.

If there is such a thing as power in numbers, North's largest freshman class certainly proved it true. Their dedication and spirit in supporting sports teams, class projects, Homecoming, dances, and dramatic activities demonstrated their loyalty to the Red Knights.

As the first year passed, astoundingly fast, the class of '88 matured and settled in to the niche of the Red Knight realm. When June of '85 arrived, our "newest" Knights had become "regular" Knights, ready for continued success as sophomores in the coming school year.

Trying to find their next class, *Keith Rodgers, Chris Pelletier, Mark Miller, Janie Smith, Sharon Brockway,* and *Debbie Morse* gather to compare schedules.

With books in arms Red Knights rush to the next class.

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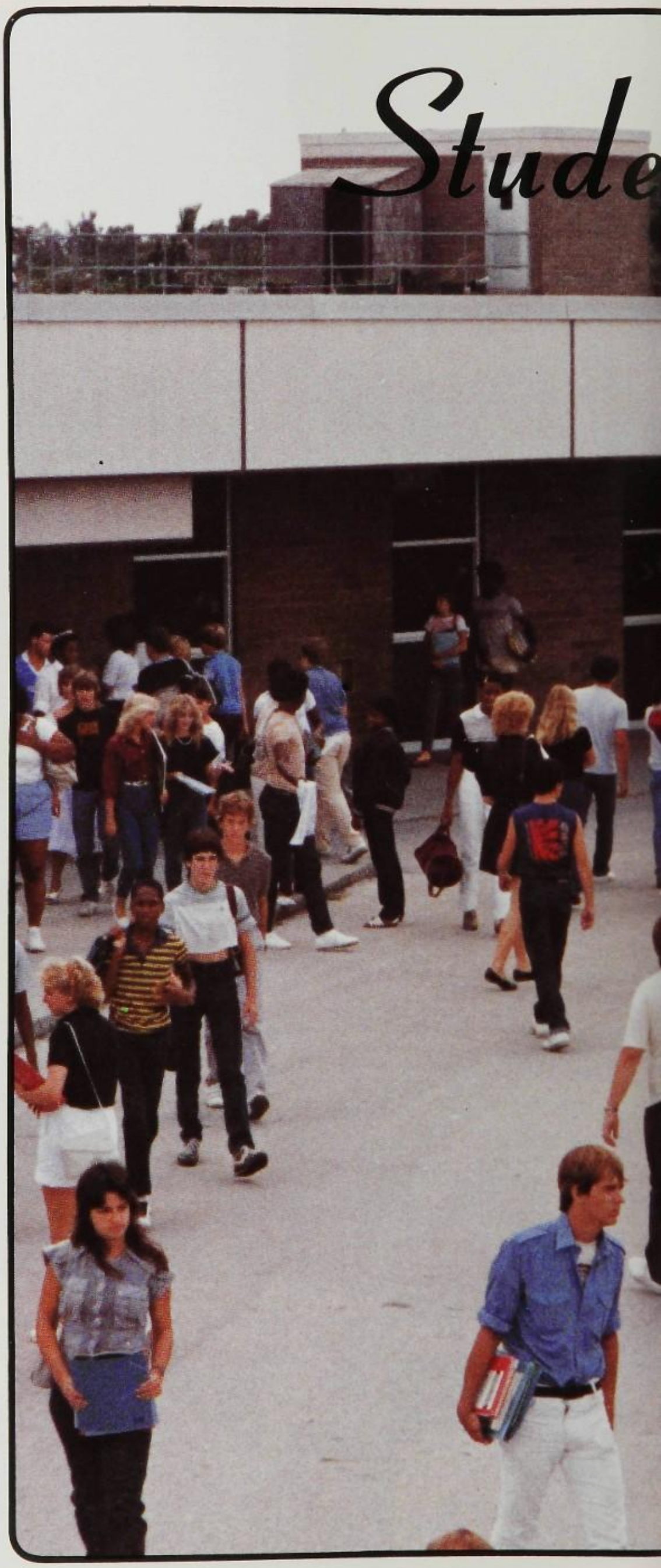

nt Life

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Twenty-five years ago, on the last gust from Hurricane Donna, North Fort Myers High School opened its doors to learning and student life. Although academics were important, student life was equally important. Activities made the high school environment an enjoyable place to be.

There was a time for serious, diligent work, and a time for serious, energetic play. Certain activities became tradition. Pep rallies, Homecoming, and sports events put students and staff in a glorious mood. Red Knights had a great variety of athletic, musical and academic contests in which to participate and/or attend.

Red Knights anxiously anticipated their weekends and holidays. Everyone went their own directions. Some headed to the beach. Others ventured to the malls, a neighborhood 7-11, or a movie. Some even travelled to the remote areas for an adventure in "muddin'." School dances were once again popular and parties were frequent and plentiful.

North students have always found time for fun and leisure after their studies. Academics, dedication, involvement, and leisure have made Red Knights interesting, well-rounded individuals who will always be an asset to society.

Former Knights are off to class.

Final Flourish

The privileges of being a senior are dreamed about for years. There is so much that happens before that final exhilarating walk across the stage.

Junior-Senior Prom . . . Senior Cruise . . . Grad Nite . . . so many things to look forward to.

Prom came first. The Class of '85 spent hours preparing for the prom. When the junior class announced those "vital statistics" of where, when, and what time, students began dreaming about this special night.

On April 7th juniors, seniors, and their dates headed for the Fort Myers Yacht Basin. There they boarded the "Bay Queen." As the clock struck 9:00 it was time for a romantic journey down the Caloosahatchee River. Students could be found dancing to the band or sitting outside with their dates watching the moon and the stars light the way of a beautiful evening.

Twelve o'clock came and it was time for the "Bay Queen" to dock. The long awaited night was over.

The Senior Cruise came next. The Class of '84 decided to sail to Mexico aboard the S.S. Britanis. For endless months, seniors scrimped and saved until they made their final payment. On April 22nd, 70 anxious students boarded buses and headed for Miami. After spending the night at the Keys, they headed for Cancun and Cozumel. Some students went on guided tours, while others were snorkeling or soaking in the rays.

The week flew by and April 27th arrived. Seniors, now pleasantly tired, once again boarded buses to return to Fort Myers.

Next came Grad Nite '84. It was May 12th and the Class of '84, with their dates, were on the way to see Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck or Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

They arrived to the park just in time to join thousands of other seniors. The tickets offered an unlimited use of the facilities.

Time was spent running between the rollercoasters and the haunted houses, and taking a few minutes out to grab a bite to eat. If not spending time on the rides, students could be found listening to the different bands. The exhausted, but happy group returned to the buses at 6:00 am and came home.

The Class of '84 now have memories that will last a lifetime; memories of time spent together before they took that last walk together across the stage and said their final farewells.

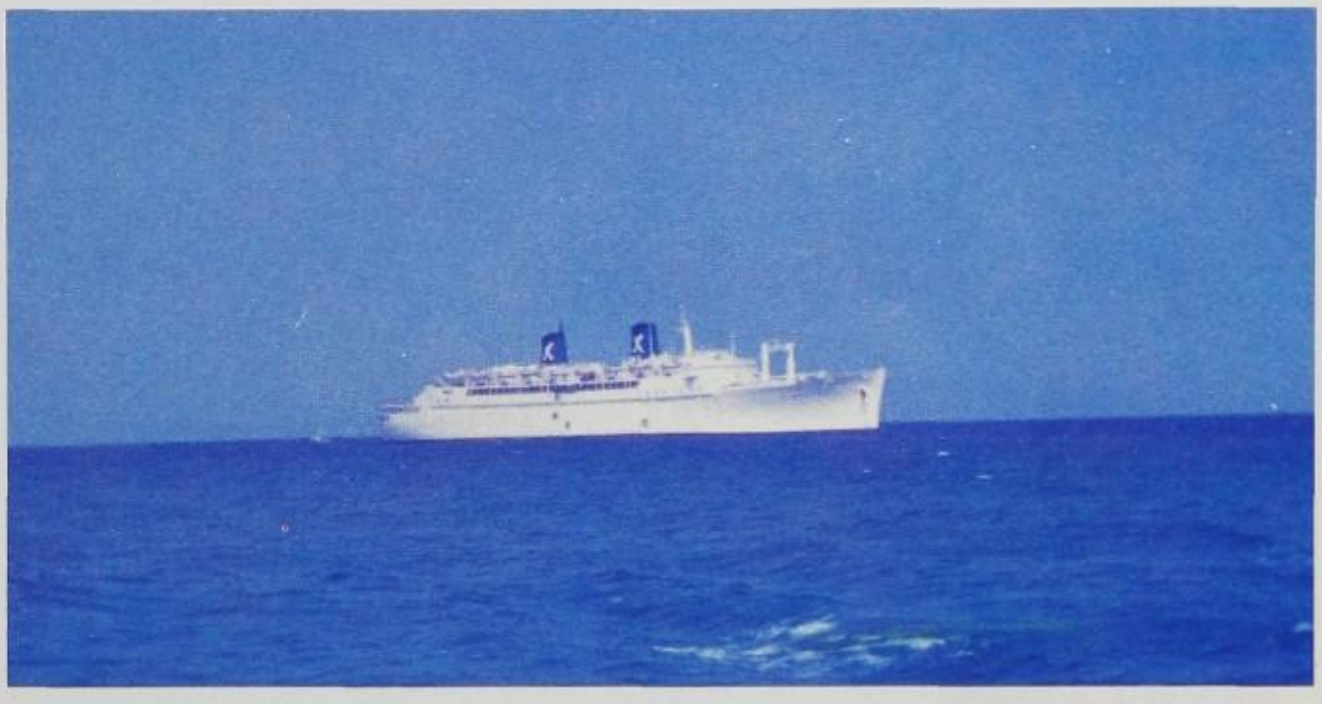
The 1984 Senior Class rests after a long, memorable night at Walt Disney Worlds' Magic Kingdom.

Everyone that went to the Junior-Senior Prom will remember the "Bay Queen."

Aboard the "Bay Queen," elegantly dressed juniors a seniors celebrate "Time Will Reveal."

Anticipating a new culture, seniors are delighted with the welcome.

The Class of '84 will never forget the trip to Mexico aboard the S.S. Britanis.



Waiting for the big moment are *Tracy Walters, Mandy Smith* and *Kim Smith*.

Putting on the finishing touch, *Joe Fortini* and his mother are thinking about his magical moment.

Stepping Into the Future

The excitement of graduation came to a recognizable end with the commencement exercise of the Class of '84.

On May 30, 8:00 pm, dreams finally became realities. Two-hundred and ninety-one seniors began getting ready for this ever-lasting night. Family, friends, and faculty gathered to congratulate them as they took their final walks across the stage to the future. This was a day they had been dreaming about for years.

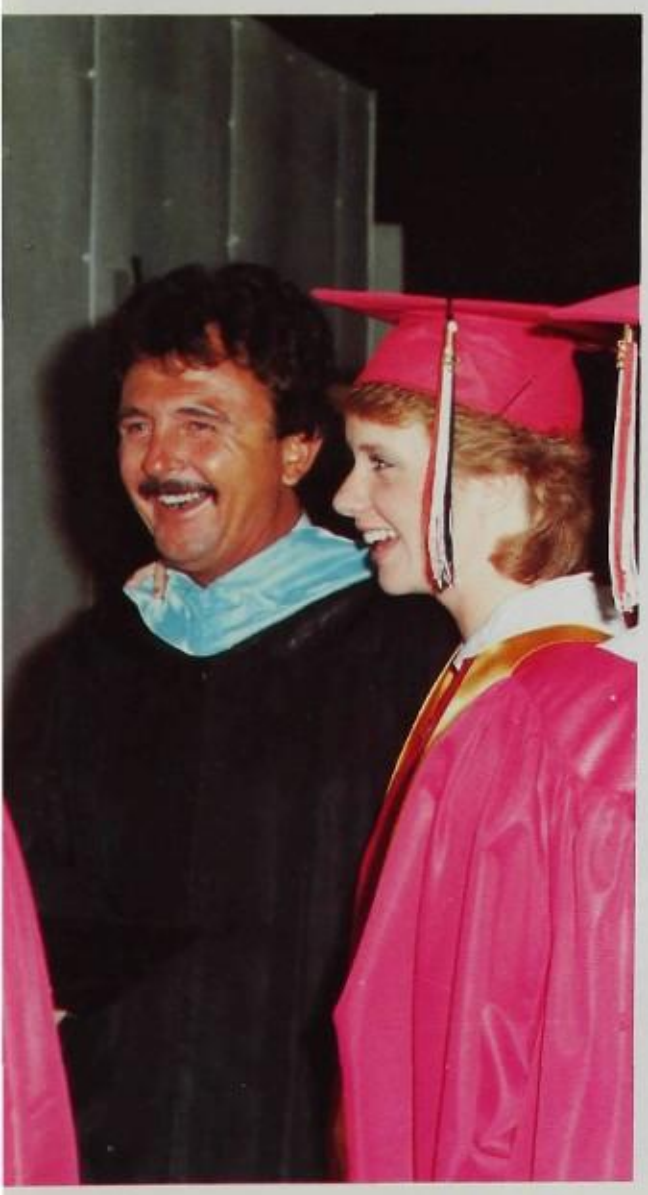
The worries about surviving the leaky ceilings and the flooded hallways were over. Passing classes, taking entrance exams, and most of all, graduation, were all in the past now. Red Knights were prepared to face the world of hardships and challenges.

After the presentation of the Class of '84, came the long awaited moment. Seniors sat anxiously as *Mrs. Marie Bitter* announced each graduating senior's name and *Mr. Edmund Stickles* and *Mrs. June Herrell* presented the diplomas.

Although many of the students were overjoyed that they had finally reached their goal of graduation, they knew that there was no turning back to high school days. For most students, the Alma Mater was true:

"Our North Fort Myers High we honor thee,
For memories we hold so dear. Ideals we
learned and friends we've made, Oh, may
they guide us on our way, So forward ever
be our aim, Our Alma Mater, hail to thee."

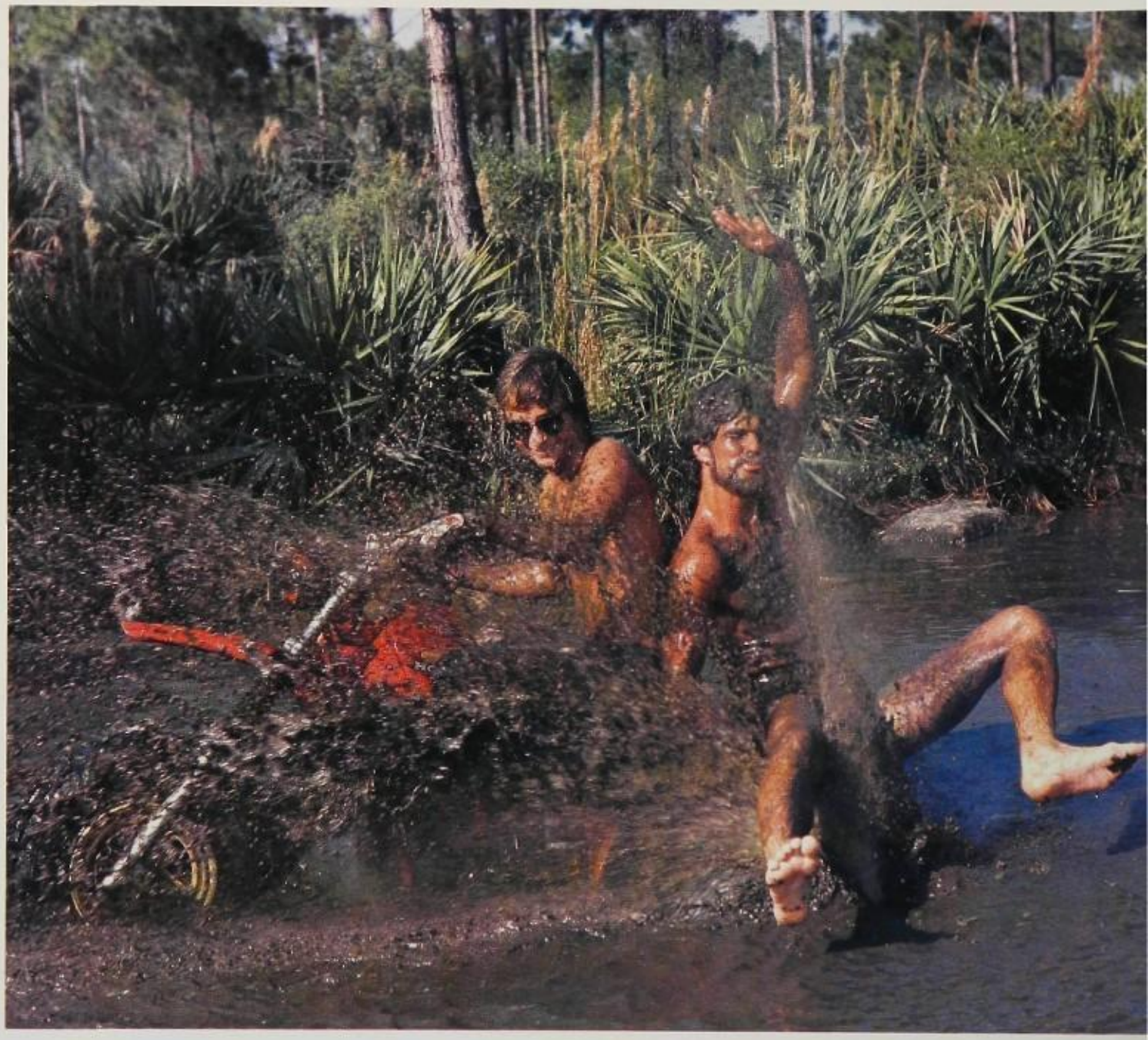
A few members of the Class of 84 show their excitement right after their walk across the stage.



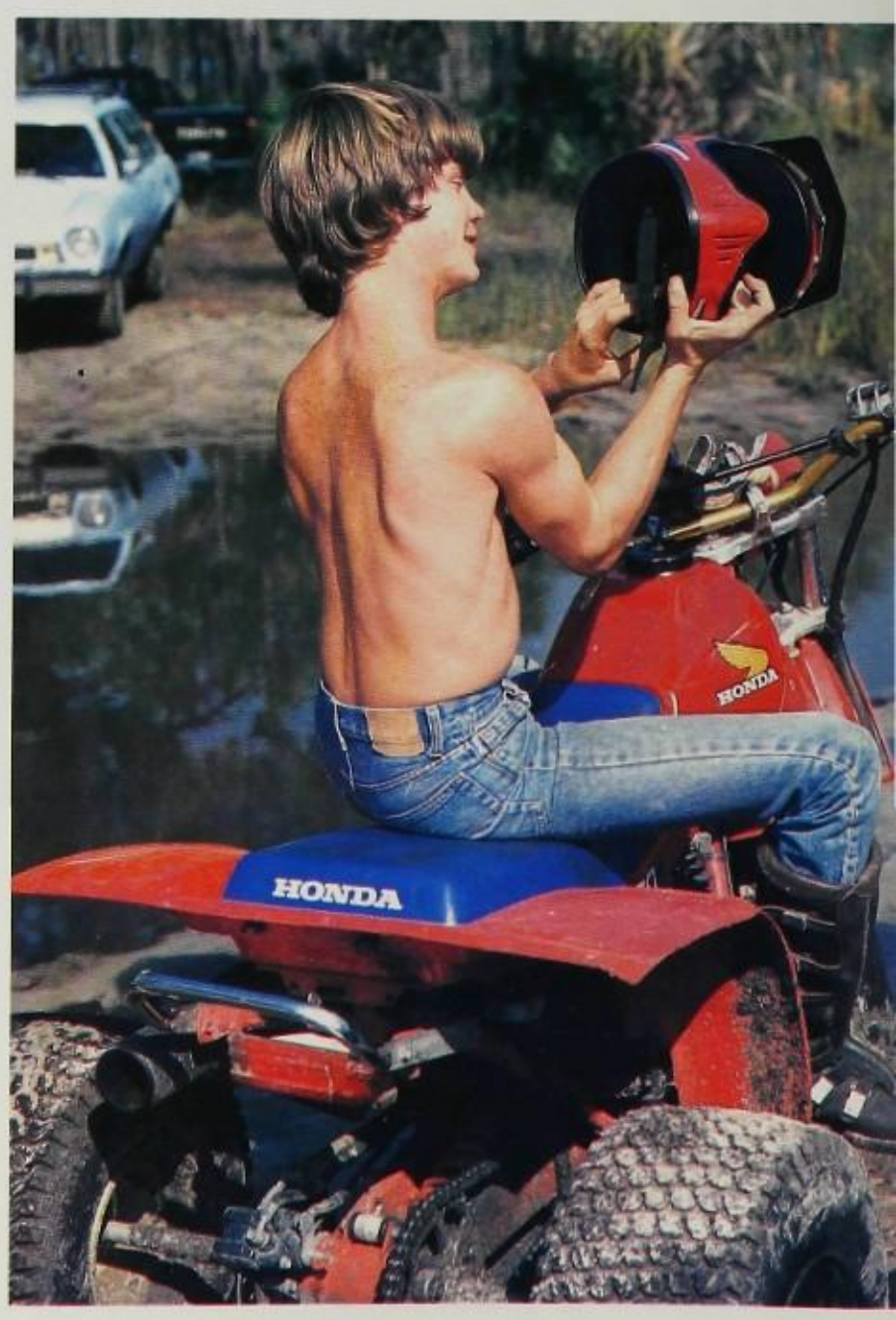
Saying a few last good-byes are *Jenny Thomas, Tammy Smith, Mandy Smith* and *Mr. Steve Wise*.

Taking a brief moment of conversation are *Kim Clouse* and *Mr. Steve Wise*.

Having some good clean fun at Yukapin are *Bret Green* and *Vic Sodrell*.



After a wild ride, *Richie Chastain* and *Keith Dean* take a moment of rest.



Safety precautions are taken by *Jimmy Bayliss* before his muddy adventure begins.

Dirty Crew

Spending many hours indulging themselves in mud, Red Knights enjoyed their wildest desires in the muddy heavens of Yukapin.

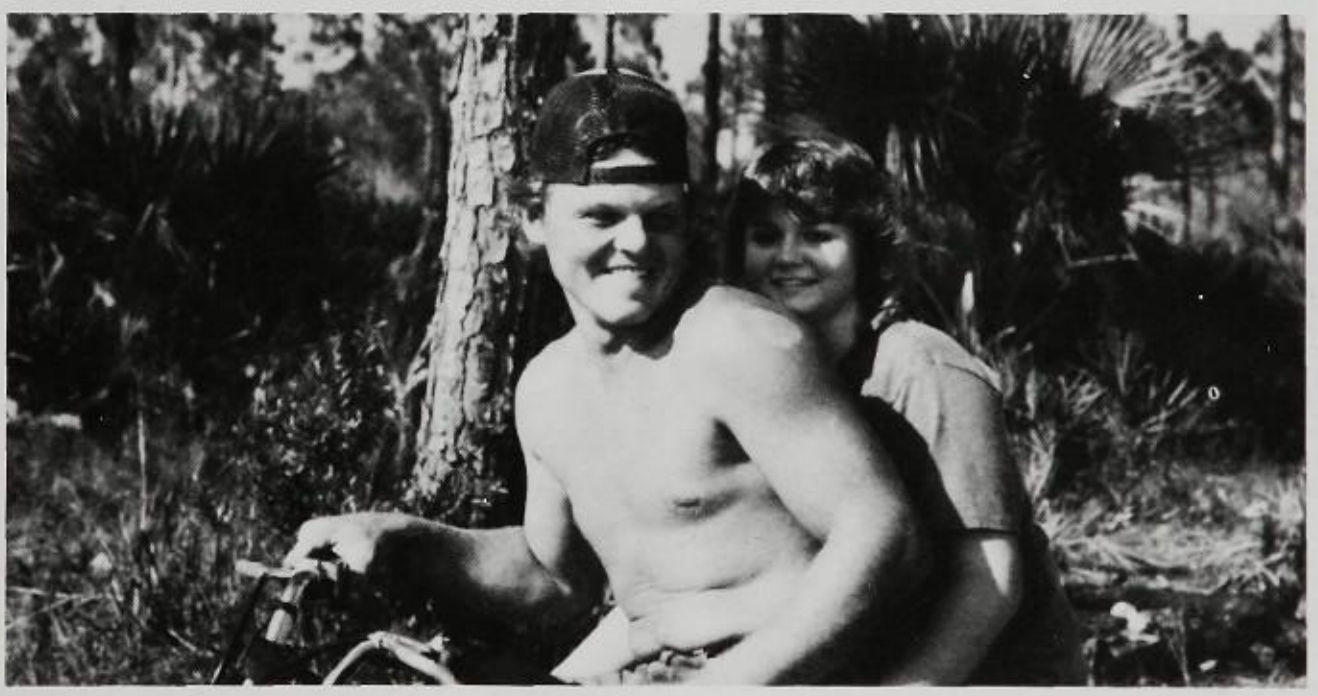
Every weekend the rowdy group was out to see who had the meanest machine around. They competed among themselves in friendly mud boggings with various vehicles such as trucks, buggies, and ATC's. It took many long hours and hard-earned cash to fix their bad beasts in perfect running condition. Having the biggest 4x4 or the fastest buggy meant a great deal to those "four-wheelin' freaks."

Between race pulls there was usually a mud fight that everyone got into. Whether a person wanted to or not, he always managed to get filthy from head to toe. After the champion mud wrestler was declared, the fun was just beginning. Gathering at the Yukapin Bridge to enjoy a plunge in the cool water, the dirty crew finally cleaned up their act. Enjoying many water sports, Red Knights splashed together in just plain "clean," friendly fun. Chicken fights, diving contests, and underwater swimming duels were just some of the special fun.

Water-logged and hungry, the dirty crew soon returned to the shores to scrape something together. Raiding their ice chests and building little fires, Red Knights indulged in hot dogs and beans. After all their stomachs were full and their thirsts were quenched, the Muddin' pack started the fun all over again. Dusk had finally come into view and the KC lights shined as the dirty crew set out for another round in the adventurous wilderness of the Yukapin. Coolness set in and the Red Knights ventured into the vehicles to finish their fun.

As the day came to night, bonfires lit the atmosphere and Red Knights were found conversing with a moment's rest. The stillness lasted momentarily because the mud in their blood would call them back for another reckless ride.

Submerging themselves for fun, Red Knights attempt to cross the deep muddy lagoon.



Off for another adventurous ride. *Ron Beecroff* and *Kim Culver* cruise to the muddy heavens.

A Super Night for Knights

Anyone driving by North High School on the evening of September 13, 1984 would have guessed that something was being given away free. Cars squeezed into every available piece of ground. Traffic had to be directed by patrolmen. Bodies jammed the corridors, doorways, and classrooms. It was "North High School Open House, '84." — the first of its kind in over a decade.

The initial announcement of this event brought sundry reactions. Some considered open house advantageous only at the elementary and middle school levels. Skeptics prophesied the evening to be a flop, while, on the other hand, optimists predicted it to be a success. The optimists won. Almost 1100 people graced the campus of North High School to support the efforts of faculty and staff in the education of their children.

As the multitude scurried through the hallways in the effort to make it to classrooms on time, parents realized the problems North students encounter daily in jammed corridors. Squeezing into pint-size desks, adults muttered many an "ouch" or "Yikes, how do they fit in these?" Teachers handed out course outlines and explained grading. Parents examined textbooks and workbooks during those ten short minutes in each class. Some were even privileged to try out equipment and machines.

Two hours after *Mr. Stickles* first welcomed the guests to Open House he again took the microphone to offer closing remarks. He announced the homerooms that won sub sandwiches for having the most people attending: 9th *Miss Matson;* 10th *Mrs. Jager,* 11th *Miss Gaudelli,* and 12th *Ms. Getzlaff.* Much to the dismay of the juniors, they would have to assume seats on the floor at the first pep rally because they had the fewest people attending the evening's activities.

Everyone was pleased with the outcome of the evening. Families went home with the encouragement that their teenagers were being provided with a solid education for their futures by competent, compassionate staff members. The administration and faculty were exhilarated by the verbal and visible parental support. The School Board of Lee County was impressed by the turnout and appropriated funds for the construction of a much-needed auditorium.

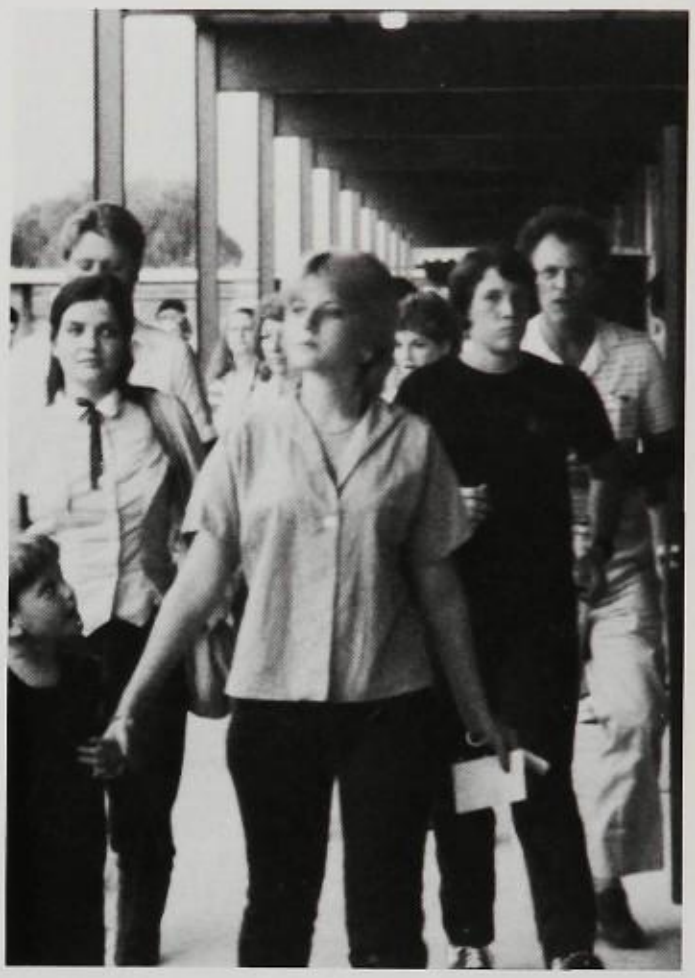
Yes, the celebration of students, faculty, administration, and parents at "Open House, '84" was worth the ten-year wait. Exclamations of "Gee, that was fun!" were heard all evening long. The ultimate reaction was "Let's do it again next year!"

Future Red Knight dream of career goals coming true at North High's Open House.

Mothers *Joann Bank* and *Jewell Beigh* show interest in their daughters' school work by discussing their typing ability with teacher *Mrs. Scott.*

Teacher, *Mr. Steve Frank* discusses the techniques used in his photography class with parents of his fellow students.

Students and their parents leave homeroom to adventure a school day at North High.



Former Red Knights reminisce of the good 'ole days at North High.

Former Red Knight, *David Skinner* reminisces of his old football days with cheerleading daughters *Monica* and *Lisa*.

Thinking of future days, Red Knights *Monica* and *Lisa Skinner* talk over graduation.

Still displaying the tradition of Red Knight Spirit, the *Skinners* stand proud at their mascot's feet.

Former Red Knight, *Sara Jones Morrison* talks of old times with daughter *Angela* and son *Brad*.

Red Knights *Angela* and *Brad Morrison* take a brief moment between classes to share a humorous event.

Once a Knight, Always a Knight

"Once a Knight, always a Knight!" That Red Knight fever never dies, even after graduation. That special feeling of being a Red Knight goes on forever. That combination of Red, White, and Black tugs at heart strings for a long time after.

That fondness has, in many cases, passed down through generations. Some of the Red Knights around campus are prime examples. *Monica Skinner,* a 1985 graduate, has carried on the tradition for her father, *David,* who graduated with North's first senior class in 1965. *Monica's* little sister will also carry on their family tradition of Knighthood. *Monica* said, "It's a great feeling carrying on the tradition and I'm showing it by wearing my father's graduation tassel." Senior *Angela Morrison* also carried on the Knighthood for her mother, *Sara,* who likewise graduated in 1965. *Brad Morrison, Angela's* brother, will keep the custom going.

Why is being a Knight so wonderful? One can find that answer by merely walking around campus and checking out the people. The population of students, faculty, and staff are the most spirited, fun-loving people ever to walk through the halls of a high school. Once graduated, a person realizes how privileged he was for being a Red Knight. Little things, such as a football game on television, makes one reminisce about the Red Knights annihilating the Cypress Lake Panthers. The various customs around Halloween remind a person of Homecoming Week when his best friend dressed as a punk rocker.

For Red Knights, graduation is a commencement, a beginning — the beginning of a tradition, a tradition to celebrate!

The *Michael Jackson* look became very popular, and *James Hall* proves it.

Tina Ogden stops to chat with a familiar Toys "R" Us Kid, *Staci Woodruff*.

Anything Goes

Styles and fashion at North Fort Myers High School constantly changed with the social trends. Through the twenty-five years at North, styles changed with every year, just as the people who wore them also did.

Twenty-five years ago when North's doors first opened, it was the day of the hippie. Long straight hair, Go-Go boots, peglegged trousers, the mini skirt, madras shirts, penny loafers, black leather jackets, letter sweaters, and greased back hair were all popular in the 60's. The 1970's changed a little with wide ties and the double breasted suit. Hairstyles were still very long. Lapels on jackets were wide, white shoes and belts were popular. Hemlines were still short as the mini skirt was in, and then gradually they came down. Bell bottom jeans, leisure suits, and wire rimmed glasses were the rage.

Then came the 1980's, when we got into a new and ever changing world of fashion. First, came the preppie look: izod shirts, plaids, penny loafers, short levis, sweaters, polo shirts and deck shoes. Next came the punk rock look: mini skirts and plastic shoes could be seen cluttering the halls of the Red Knight family. Checkered shoes and short hair with a "tail" was next to be seen.

During our silver anniversary, striped jeans, short pants and fluorescent colors started to crowd the hallways. Greens, oranges, and yellows were the main colors. They were bright, they do stick out in a crowd, and were great attention getters, as well as slip on shoes, and knit tops. As some styles changed, there were those that have remained the same. The redneck or country look, will never go out at North High. Students came adorned with western shirts, belts, levis and boots.

Fashion trends came and went. In the halls of the Red Knight family one would see many different and sometimes strange clothing from generation to generation of Knights. That is one reason the Red Knight family is not ordinary. The variety of fashions correspond with the variety of types of people.

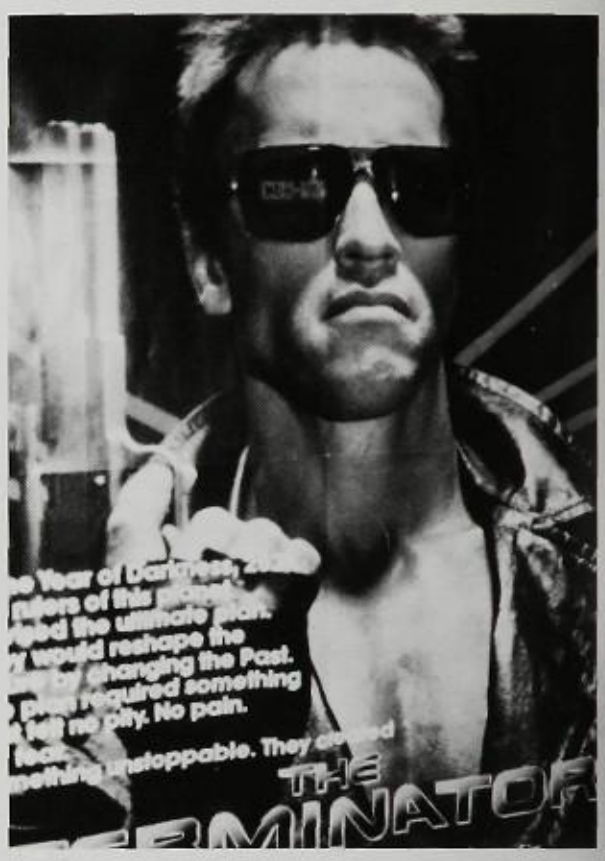
Keeping up with the times, *Bobie Hall* dresses in stripes.

Wearing different styles are *Jim Hepp, Beth Gumham, Kathy Piirainen,* and *Craig Ramsey.*

Adorned in mini skirts and sweaters are *Sandi Hefner* and *Cindy Gluck.*

One of the top rated movies of Red Knights was "The Terminator."

Red Knights could be seen at the popular Colonial theaters.



Highly Rated

One of the favorite activities of Red Knights on weekends were the movies. Movies were one of the biggest means of entertainment for teenagers. Whether it was with a group of friends or with a date, one always had an evening of excitement at the movies.

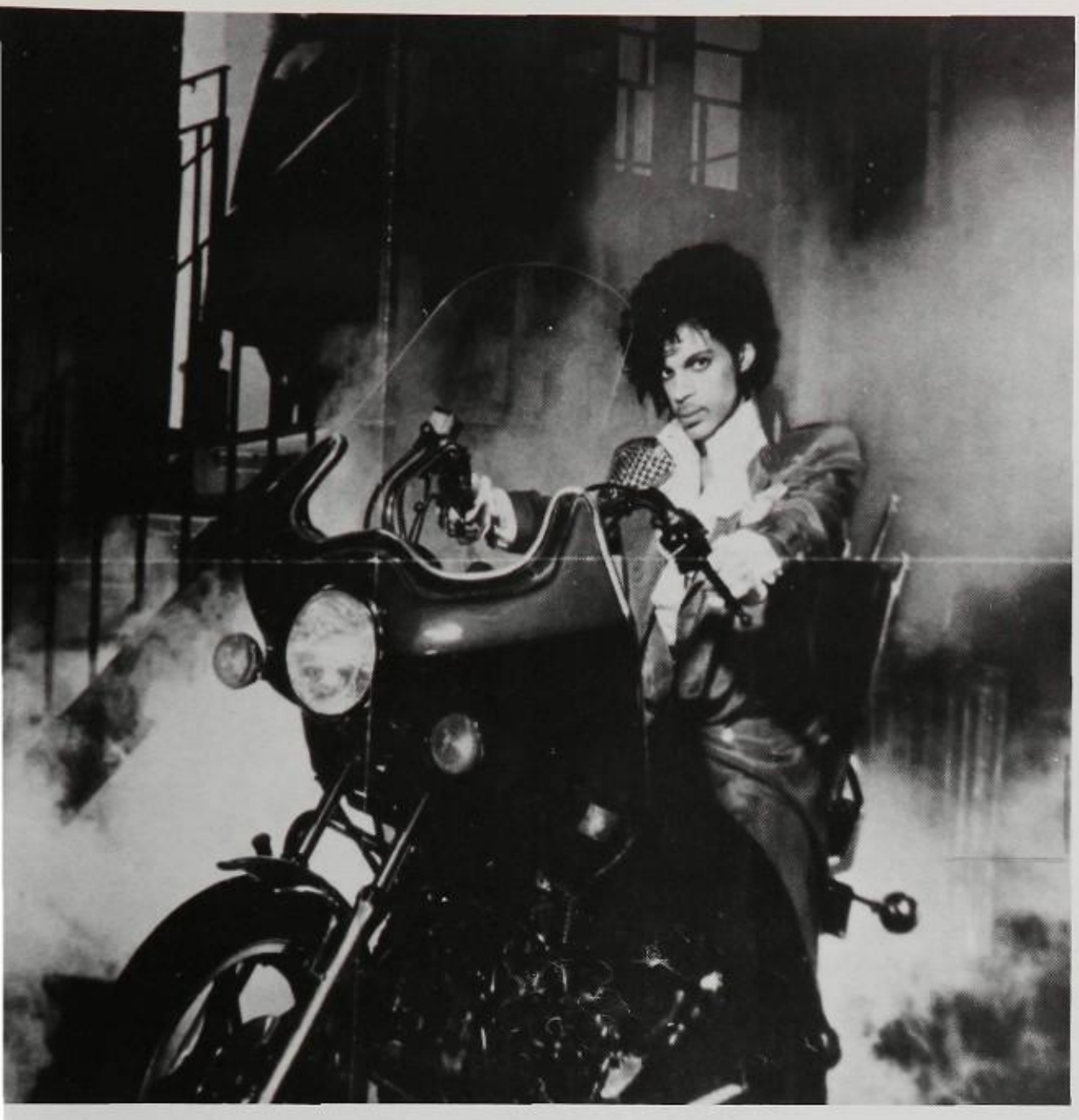
Some of the popular movies of this year were *Ghost Busters, Romancing the Stone, Purple Rain,* and *Teachers.* They ranged from comedy to horror to romance. With settings of high schools, islands, and outer space.

Movie theaters were located all over Lee County. The price for a movie ranged from fifty cents at North's-side Drive In, to $4.50 at the Bell Tower.

Another means of entertainment for the students was the watching of music videos. MTV, the television station of the eighties, was watched on TV instead of your regular channels. You could catch your favorite rock stars such as *Michael Jackson, Billy Idol,* and *Pat Benatar,* moon walking across the stage, power hitting you with their best shot.

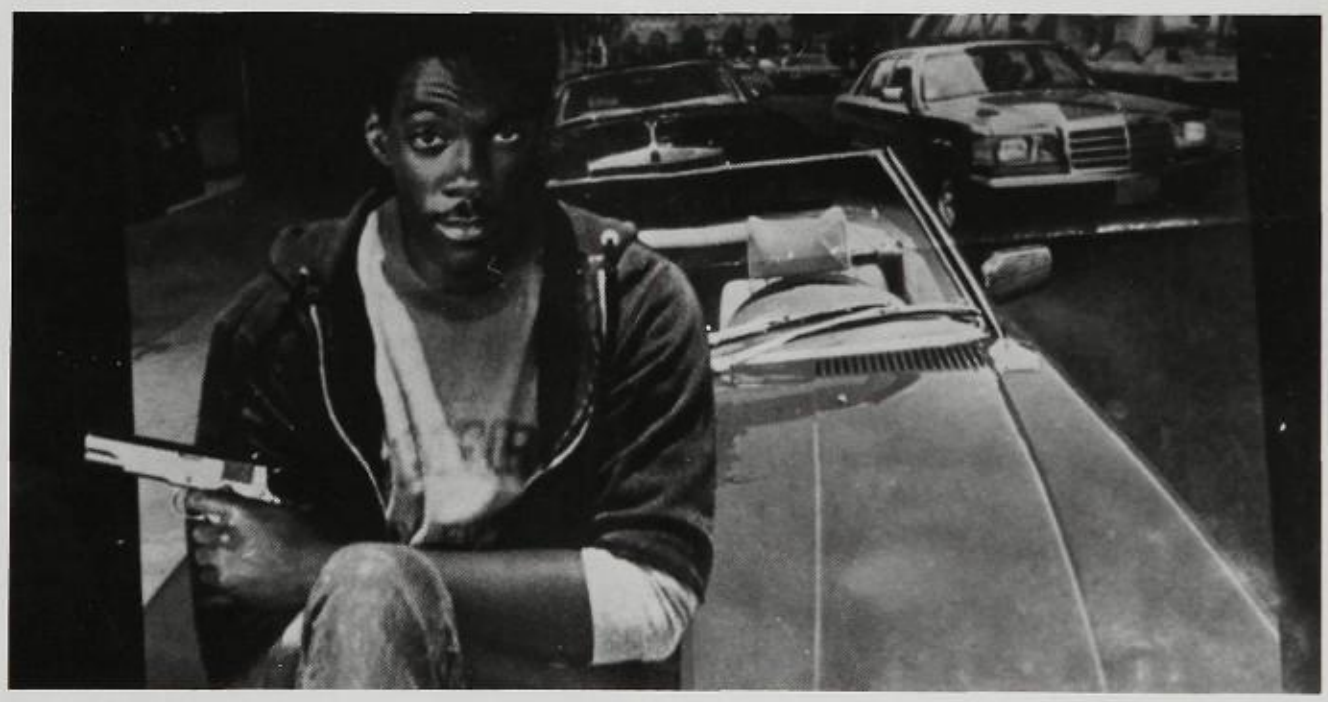
Other popular pay television movie stations were HBO, Showtime, and Cinemax. If you didn't want to spend money at a movie theater, you could wait until the movie came on one of these stations.

Some areas of North Fort Myers weren't able to get cable stations yet, and Cape Coral just recently received cablevision. Watching the movies on TV was the most inexpensive means of entertainment. Money was sometimes scarce to Red Knights so the cheaper form of entertainment was preferred.



"Let's Go Crazy" and "When Doves Cry" is what made the movie "Purple Rain" a favorite for Knights.

Lacking an interest in academics the students in "Teachers" were definitely different from those at North High.



Eddie Murphys' comedy "Beverly Hills Cop" stole the hearts of many Red Knights.

Home Away From Home

For many North Fort Myers Red Knights, home was where they spent their summer vacations. This meant the warm rays of the Florida sun was taken advantage of and the beaches were just the places to do so.

Friends gathered in the morning hours to set out for a long, fun-filled day at the beach. All the beach gear was assembled — food, tanning oils, sunscreen, sodas, combs, towels, radios. Once at the beach, there was plenty to do. Swimming, hacky sack, paddle ball, and frequent extended walks checking out the scenes, were just a few of the things happening.

While some Red Knights stayed on the shore skinboarding and playing frisbee or volleyball, others took to the air for a short parasail. If the wind was right, individuals set sail for a memorable escapade on privately owned or rented sail boats. Some even got up the nerve to attempt water-skiing.

Although the beach is a long stretch of sand, friends found ways of meeting and enjoying each other's company. There were favorite spots where you could be certain to encounter the familiar face of a fellow Red Knight. The pier and arcade were popular spots. Knights took little time from the sun to escape the heat to play the ever so popular video games. They were able to cool themselves with refreshing treats from the Dairy Queen. Many Knights lay and sunned themselves, trying to out-do their friends with a better tan or, in some cases, a better burn.

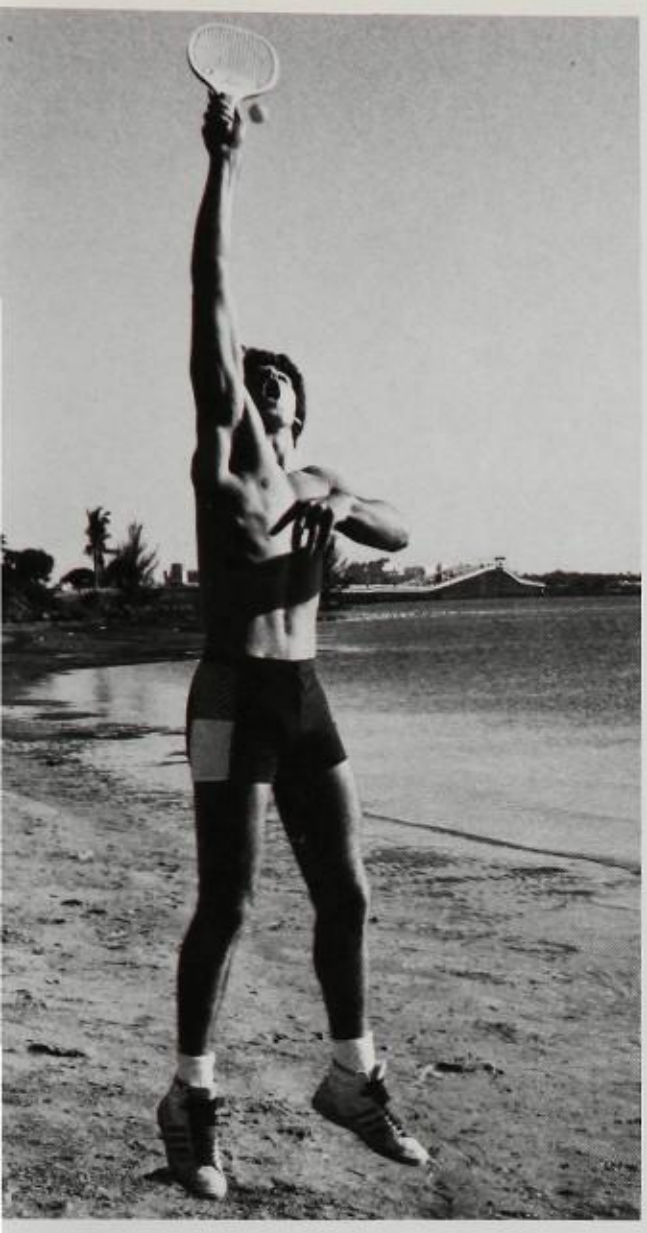
Besides the sand and water, nothing else was free, so in order to keep occupied, Knights needed an adequate amount of money. Jet skis cost around $30.00 for each half hour of rental. The new large, three-wheeled bikes which people tromped through the water and across the sand were rented for another fee. Parasailing cost a person $25.00 for each half hour. Of course, if they didn't pack their own food and drinks, Knights ventured to one of the many convenient stores to purchase refreshments. Taking advantage of fun in the sun was exciting, but definitely costly.

The beaches were not merely a place for day-time activity. Red Knights found that taking "someone special" down to the beach at night was very romantic. Watching the brilliant-colored sunset, listening to the waves crash, and watching the stars and moonlight and the glistening sand was very peaceful and soothing. Some couples strolled hand-in-hand along the beach, saying little, but sharing thoughts which need not be uttered.

For Red Knights the beach, which in winter months was populated by white-skinned tourists, became the place to go for fun, sun, and friends.

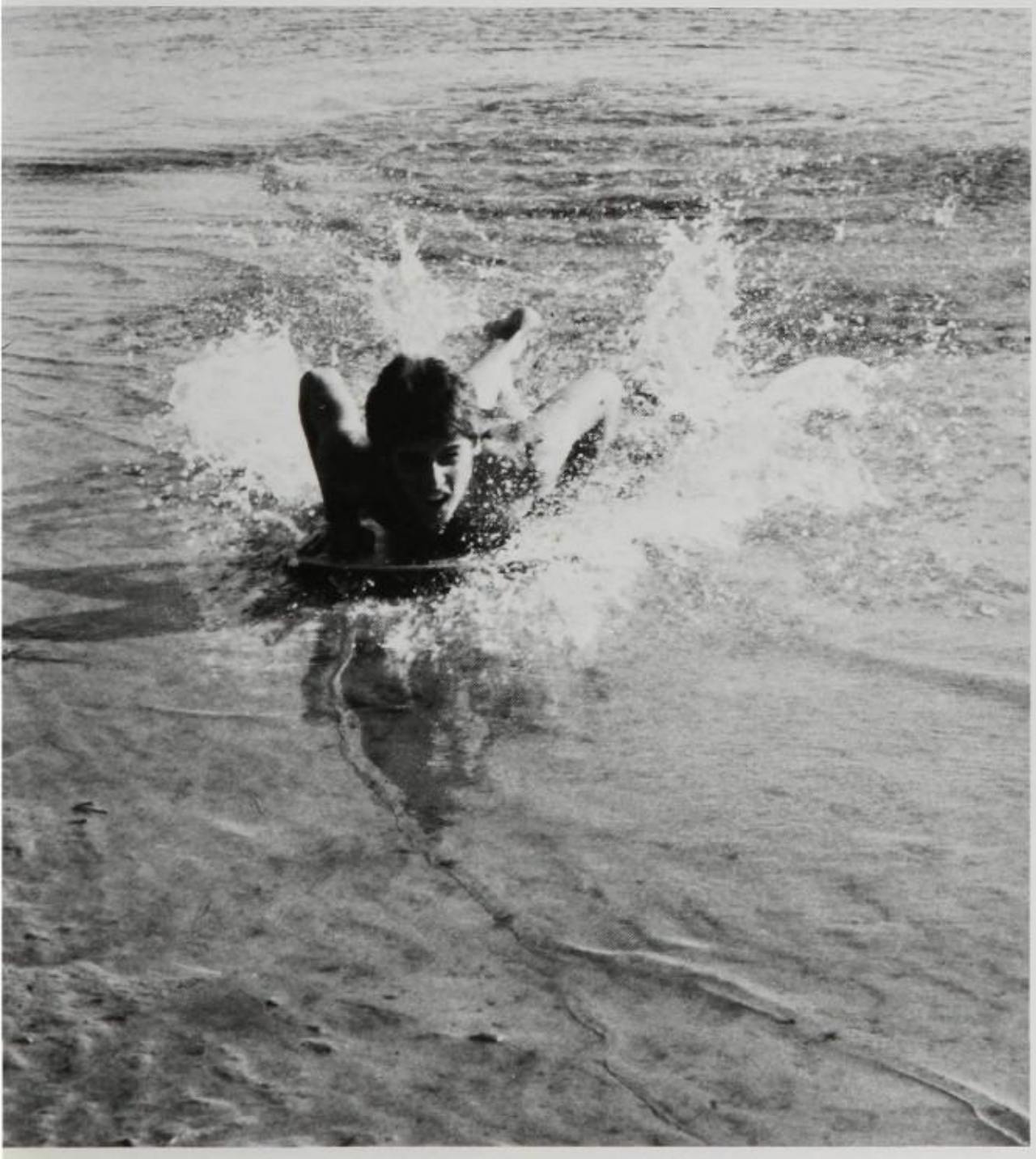
Sailing along the calm waters was a relaxing thing to do while visiting the beach.

Enjoying a game of frisbee along the shore are *David Giompalo* and *Monica Skinner*.

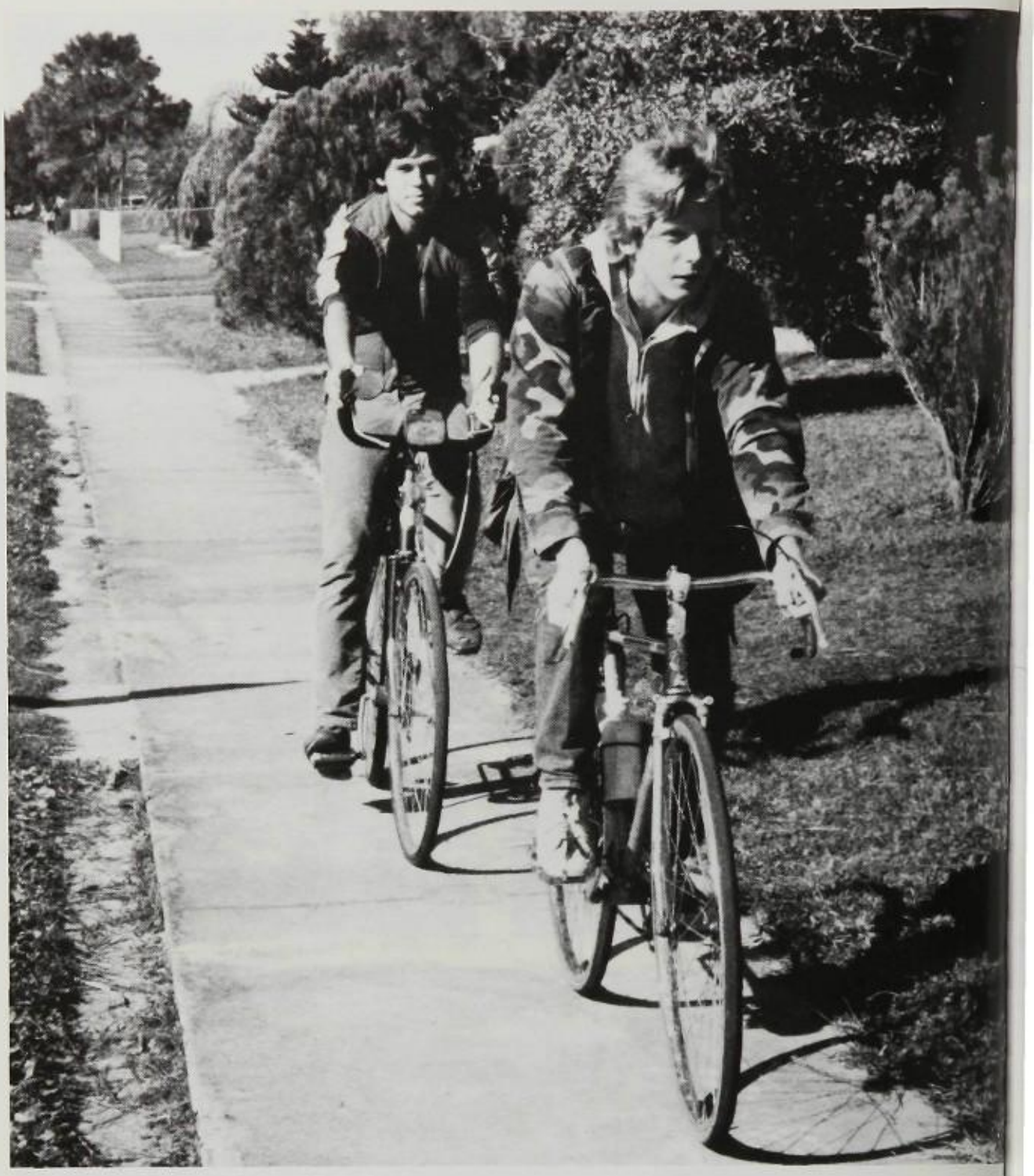


Straining to hit the ball *Jim Beasley* reaches for the sky.

While *Shawn Earhart*, and *Jimmy Beasley* watch closely, *Paul Diago* demonstrates his skills in a game of Hacky Sack

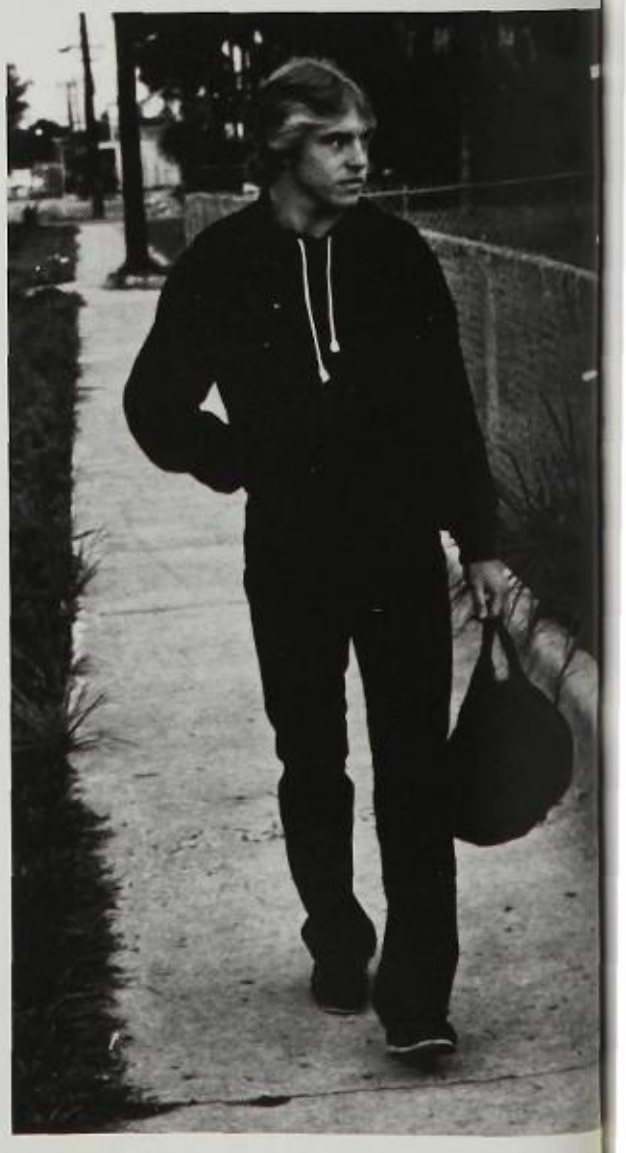


Splashing through the water on his skinboard is *Bret Meyers*.



Swiftly pedaling their bikes on the sidewalk are *Fred Morengo* and *Walter Indyke* on their way to school.

Red Knights have parents who are kind enough to bring them to school.



Using an inexpensive way to get to school, *Mike Hostens* takes the deck shoe express, his feet.

Like many Red Knights, *Randy Morgan* drives his own car to school.

A little less cheaper way to get to school is by driving a motorcycle.

Gettin' There

Dawn barely broke at 7:20 each morning as hundreds of eager Red Knights arrived on North High's campus. In ten minutes' time each one of them was seated in his respective homeroom. How did these students get to school?

Of course some students, especially underclassmen, had little or no choice in the matter and had to concede to ride the "yellow hound" school buses. For others, there were various means by which to arrive on time to school. Some Red Knights drove vehicles — cars, trucks, jeeps. Those who did not have access to a car, used two-wheelers, either a motorcycle or a bicycle depending on how energetic the student might have been.

Each year there was the traditional mode of walking, whether slowly or briskly, to school. The 1984-85 school year was no different. We even had faculty members walking to campus each day.

Between 7:15 and 7:25 every morning there was a line of cars and trucks in front of North High, especially if the weather was less than desirable. Mothers, fathers, older brothers and sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends "dropped off" the '84-85 Red Knights. Then, at 2:00 in the afternoon this procedure was repeated in reverse.

Perhaps the most "fun" way to get to and from campus was by hitching a ride with friends. "Hey, *Dave!* Can you fit me in your car too?" was shouted across the student parking lot.

Even twenty-five years ago there were Red Knights who drove, rode, walked, biked, hitched, or were driven to school by someone else. That is one of the things that has not really changed over the years at North Fort Myers High School. The only change has been in the styles of vehicles, the cost of vehicles, and the price of fuel.

No matter what mode of transportation they chose, the Red Knights managed to arrive on time each day during this year of our Silver Anniversary.

Enjoying Pepsi and pizza at *Dino's* are *Connie Lee, Sherry Ward, Susan Horne* and *Lisa Garrett.*

Van Halen rules as #1 in musical groups for 1985.

Top Quality Taste

1985 Winners

The third annual *LANCE* survey was conducted once again for the 84-85 school year. Red Knights were asked fourteen questions as to just what a few preferences were in different categories.

For the third consecutive year, *Loni Anderson* and *Tom Selleck* were the top actors. Pizza remains in first place for favorite food, but close behind it was a juicy steak. Now a place to eat the food was needed. *McDonalds* was the best place. If fast food was not your cup of tea, *Dinos* was the next best restaurant. To wash down this delicious food, Red Knights chose Pepsi to be just the thing, with Coke or Dr. Pepper as a second or third choice.

It is easy to see that once Knights have chosen a favorite, they usually keep it their favorite.

1. *Favorite Football Team*
   Miami Hurricanes
   Florida Gators
   Georgia Bulldogs

2. *Favorite Musical Group*
   Van Halen
   Prince and The Revolution
   Billy Idol

3. *Favorite Video*
   Hot for Teacher
   I Wanna Rock
   Like A Virgin

4. *Favorite Radio Station*
   97 Rock
   95 YNF
   107 Orange

5. *Favorite D.J.*
   Party Marty
   Dave Alexander
   Rick Dee's

6. *Favorite Movie*
   Purple Rain
   Ghostbusters
   The Terminator

7. *Favorite Car*
   Mustang
   Trans-Am
   Porsche

8. *Favorite Restaurant*
   McDonalds
   Brown Derby and Dinos
   Red Lobster

9. *Favorite Food*
   Pizza
   Steak
   Lobster

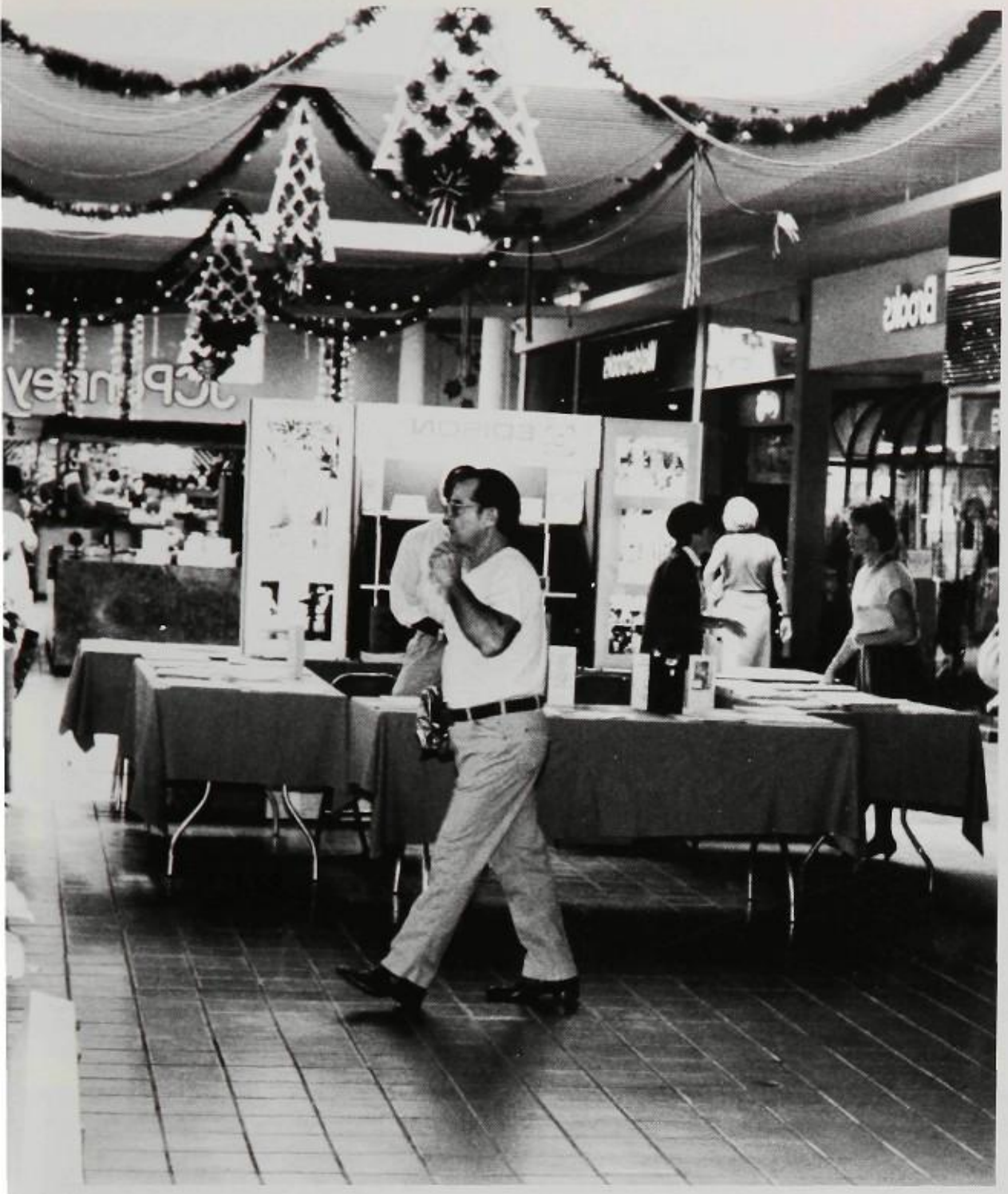
10. *Favorite Hangout*
    Beach
    Mall
    Party's

11. *Favorite Drink*
    Pepsi
    Coke
    Dr. Pepper

12. *Favorite Actor*
    Tom Selleck
    Sean Penn
    Bill Murray

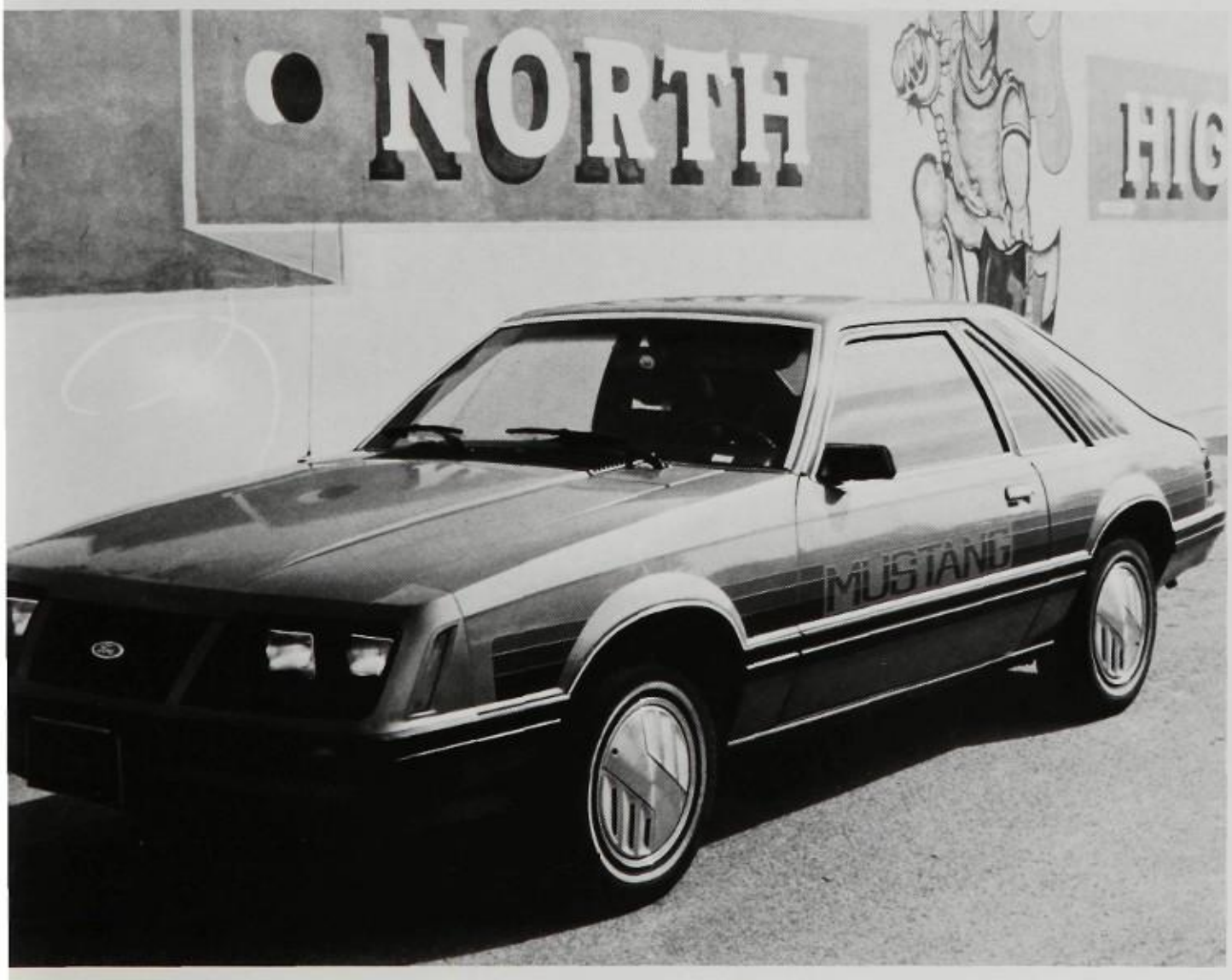
13. *Favorite Actress*
    Loni Anderson
    Sally Field
    Debra Winger

14. *Favorite T.V. Show*
    Miami Vice
    A-Team
    It's Your Move



The Edison Mall was a great place to find Red Knights.

Taking a moment of rest, *Susan Horne* quenches her



Red Knights chose the Mustang for the top car for '85.

Ready with *Tom Rajshavongs* pink unexcused is *Ms. Ann Ragland*, meanwhile *Mrs. Barbara Vagle* records it.

Due to a few extra "z's," *Joyce Williams* gets an unexcused absence from *Ms. Ann Raaland*

An Unwelcome Policy

Looks of dismay speckled the corridors as students read their grade cards and discovered the new code — "I" — "no credit due to excessive absences." The State Department of Education realized that student absenteeism had become a major problem and therefore, initiated the new nine-day absence policy to remedy the situation. The law basically meant that if a student missed more than nine hours of a class, he was not to be awarded credit for that class.

Reactions to the policy were varied among students, faculty, and staff. Some felt as did senior *Sherry Ward*, that the law as unnecessary. "If we can come to school for three days a week and make the same grades as when we come for five, why not miss those two days?" Some felt the attendance policy was beneficial. As art teacher, *Mr. Levone Simms* stated, "If a student isn't directly participating in a class, he's still learning something by just being there."

"The primary reason this law was passed," stated *Principal Mr. Ed Stickles*, "is many students were spending just too much time out of class for various reasons. If a student misses more than nine hours, he will be required to take a state test to decide whether he receives credit for the course. If the student doesn't pass the test, he will receive no credit even if all other requirements for that class have been met."

Numerous Red Knights felt the immediate effects of the attendance policy, yet the long term effects are yet to be evaluated. In the meantime, North High students received brand new alarm clocks for birthdays or Christmas so they would avoid the consequences of nine hours of absence from class.

Signing in late, *Chuck McClure* considers what might be his fate.

Late to school, *Kelly Maloy* enters the parking lot.

Wondering what her excuse is this time, *Ms. Ann Ragland* looks annoyed.

S-P-I-R-I-T

"We've got spirit, S-P-I-R-I-T, spirit!" The North High Red Knights have lived by this cheer! In the past twenty-five years, students have attended North and approximately 4,984 have graduated to become Red Knight alumni. Everyone at North is proud to be a Knight and part of the Big Red family, working together to make North the best, experiencing new encounters every day.

"Spirit and pride is very important to Red Knight activities," says SGA President *Kallyn Harmon.* "The students at North have always supported the school's activities, that's what makes North #1."

Every weekday from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. North students were not only attending classes and learning, but also sharing good times with friends and faculty.

During this, our 25th Anniversary year, North High pride and spirit was even greater. On Fridays every Red Knight dressed in red and white. During football season the students bought banners, buttons, spirit ribbons, and all the traditional North High paraphenalia to show their school spirit and pride. After 2:00 p.m. the attitudes of the Red Knight never changed. Crowds of students decked in the school colors turned out to watch football games, plays, and other school activities.

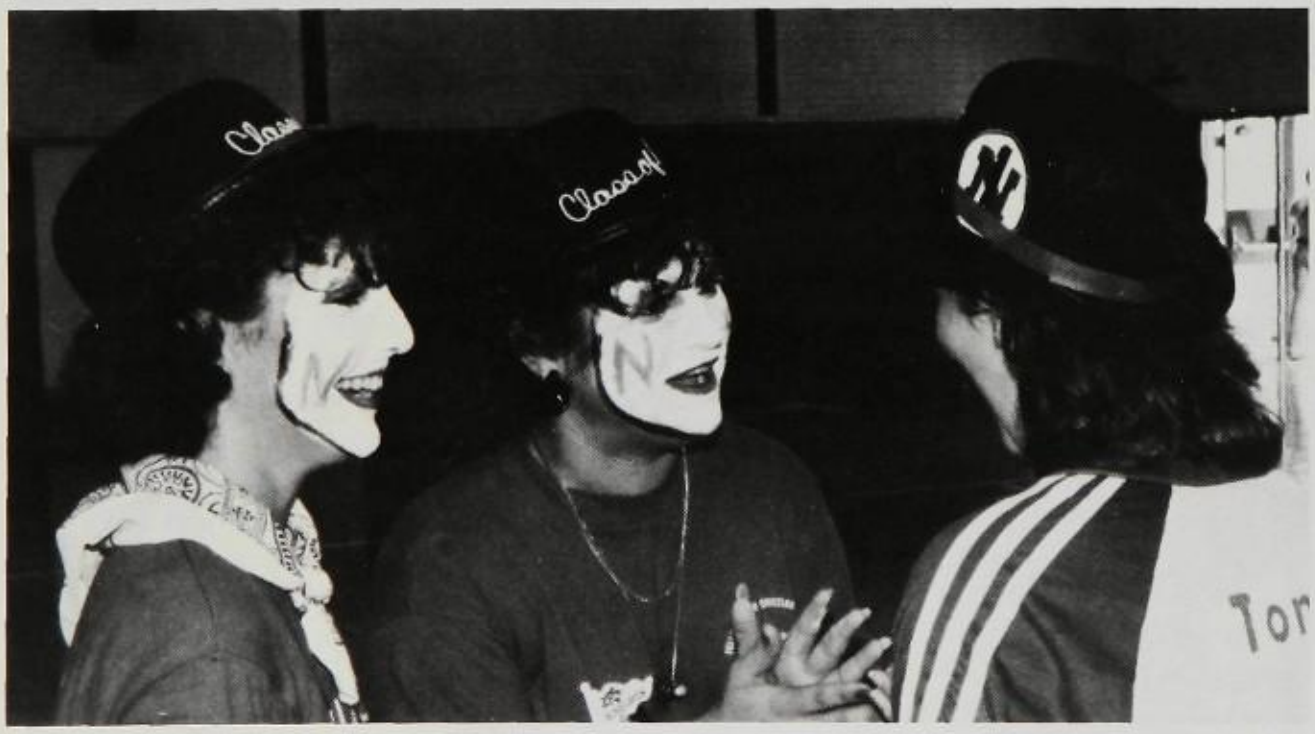
After an extraordinary footall season, the Red Knights kept their enthusiasm going by having dances, band concerts, and plays. Upon returning to school after Christmas vacation, everyone got into the basketball and baseball season. Knights showed up to cheer their teams to victories.

In May, seniors received their commencement announcements. They were finally realizing how close their last days as North High students were.

This year was a very special year for North with all the Silver Anniversary activities. "School spirit has really improved since my freshman year," said Senior class President *Delbretta Jones,* "and I hope that in the future things will be as successful as it was this past year."

"Without spirit our school would dwindle to a school with only academic qualities," stated *Febra Scudder* a senior band member. "The clubs and organizations make the difference," said *Lori Pastirik,* drama club president. "I enjoyed my four years at North because of the warm, friendly feeling I got when I entered the building," said alumni, *Mark Bitter* (1984).

The Red Knights will always remember the good times they shared and the things they learned. Their spirit and pride will always be in their memories.



Showing their spirit, *Angela Morrison* and *Heidi Williams* talk to *Toni Giffin* during Homecoming week.

Awarding the traditional "Spirit Stick," Principal *Edmund Stickies* inspires the screaming crowd.

Faithful Red Knights support our winning team.

During a pep rally, members of the Red Knight family give it their all.

Displaying his spirit, *Reggie Ivy* dons a senior derby and balloons with the North High colors.

Smelling the flowers that *Mike Zolno* gave her, *Sandi Garcia's* face shows her happiness.

Stopping for a quick embrace before class are *Jenny Valella* and *Kevin Chalmers.*

Grabbing a quiet moment alone between classes, - *Billy Griffith* snuggles up to *Kim Culver.*

Sharing a special kiss during the Homecoming dance, *Alan Clairmont* shows his affection for *Toni Griffin*.

Andy May and *Sheila Curr* discuss their plans for the weekend.

The Language of Love

"Love is in the air." "Love makes the world go round." "Love is just around the corner." Many expressions have been introduced by lyricists on the subject of love. Likewise, North High Red Knights have found ways to express their feelings of affection.

Although some "relationships" may have been very brief, the traditional procedure was usually followed. The first encounter was either accidental or planned, either by one of the two persons involved, or by one or more of his friends. This initial meeting was brief and casual — nothing more than the exchange of basic information of names, ages, phone numbers. Of course, this was the "first impression" and if it was a good impression, then the relationship continued.

The second stage entailed "getting to know each other better." Nightly two to three hour telephone conversations consisting of "well," "yah," "uh-huh," "really," and extended pauses were part of the strategy. Soon young Red Knights began to express their affections for each other.

Various forms of communication were used. Some of the more subtle approaches included writing the other person's name on one's folders, hands, shoes, and lockers. More extensive messages of love were recorded on classroom desks and restroom walls.

Using body language to its fullest, romantic young lovers strolled through the corridors of North High with their arms around each other's bodies. As the tardy bell blared, lovers stole a quick kiss which would have to last them until the next change of classes in fifty-five minutes. Too much enamored to even eat lunch, couples sat on benches and gazed into each other's eyes for twenty-five minutes.

Young love was not always all smiles and happiness. Occasionally Red Knight lovers had their disagreements and jealousies. One of the partners would misinterpret the other's gestures to another student and think he or she was flirting. Sometimes they had problems with their parents who felt they were spending too much time together. Lack of sufficient funds to go out to dinner or the movies would cause concern and possible fighting between couples. Usually these "lovers' quarrels" lasted only a day or so and the two would enjoy the task of "making up." Generally, once their problems were resolved, the Red Knight lovers resumed their relationship with even greater feelings.

The relationships that bloomed during their high school years sometimes continued even after graduation. Some Red Knights chose to spend their lives together as man and wife. They wore each other's class rings until a proper promise ring could be purchased. Once our couples made the decision to marry, they selected the coveted engagement ring and matching wedding bands.

As with previous years, love was in the air at North High School this silver anniversary year. Everywhere one looked, he found evidence of those wonderful feelings of attraction and infatuation.

Anxiously waiting for a break, seventh period students become restless.

Seventh period is the last place someone should be after a late night.

After Hours

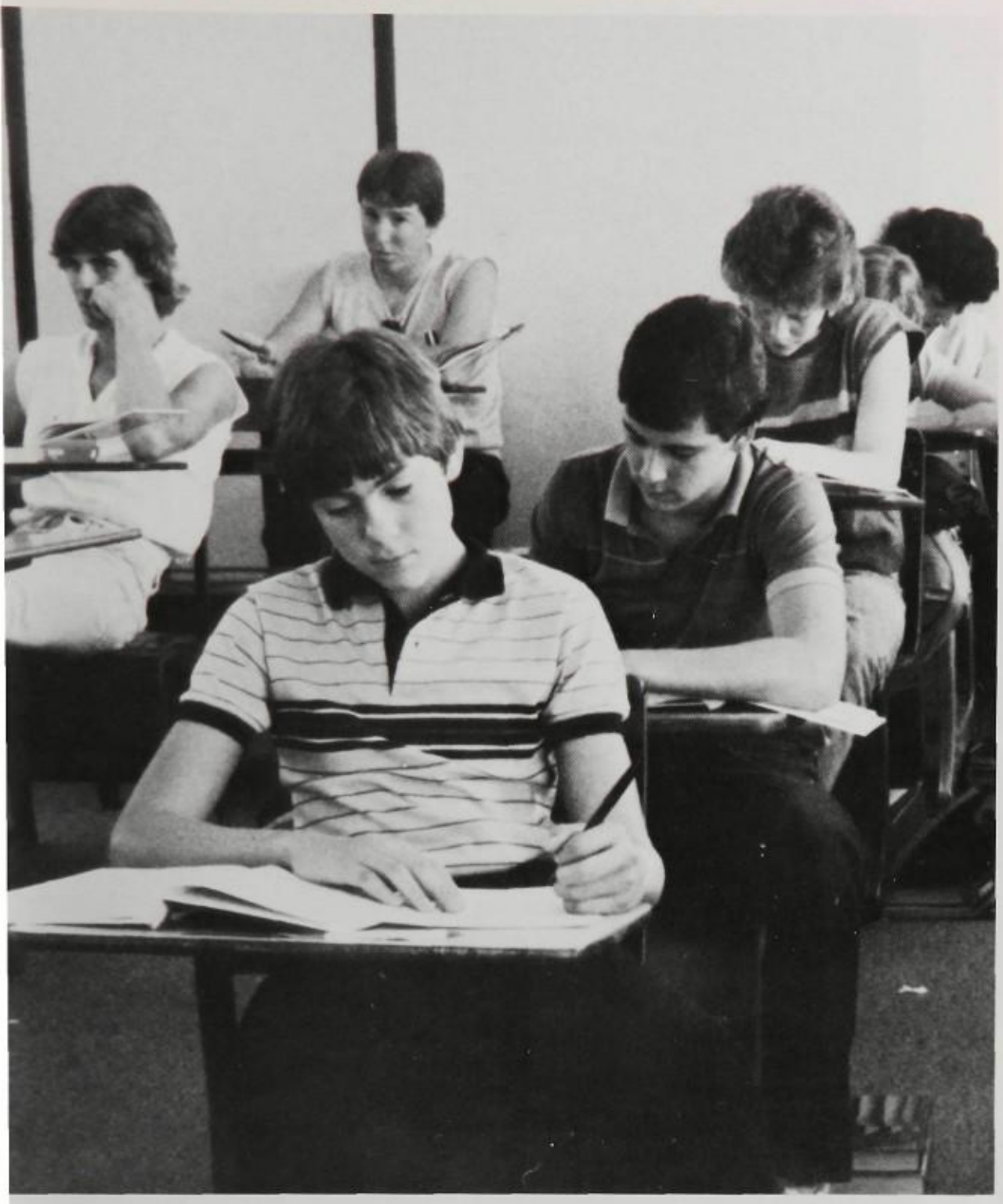
With the increase in number of credits needed for graduation and the greater number of required courses, some Red Knights enrolled in additional classes which were offered after the regular six period day. These classes ran Monday through Thursday from 2:15 until 4:00, with a fifteen minute break.

The seventh period enrollment was strictly voluntary. There were those who needed one more credit for graduation, those who wished to take a class they couldn't fit in their regular class schedule, or those who needed to make up a class they previously had failed.

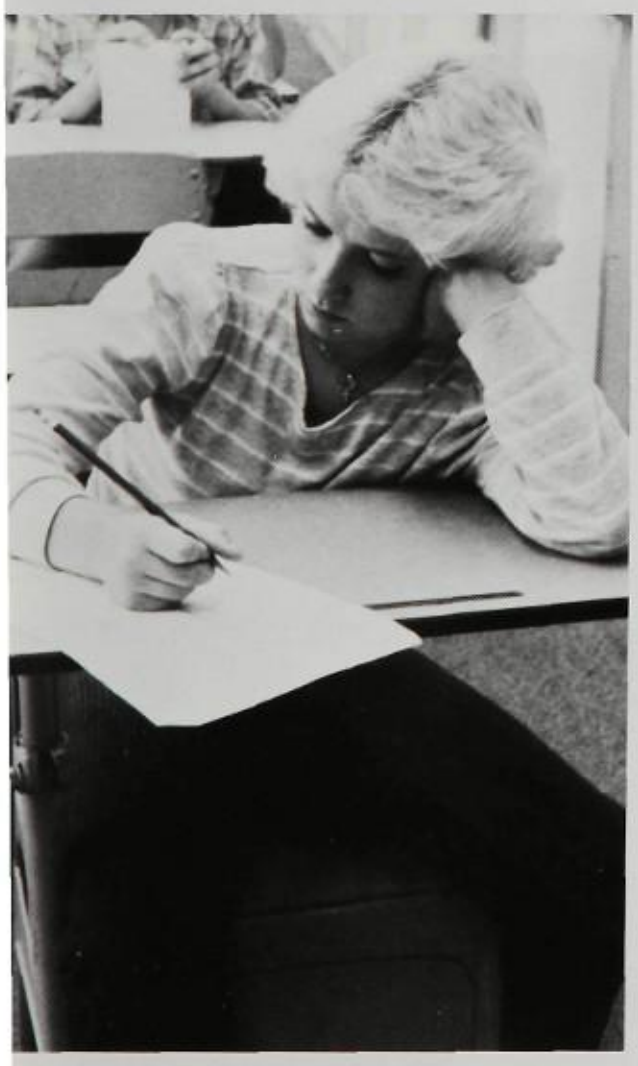
In order to determine which class to offer seventh period, Mrs. Harriett Bohannon distributed polls among the students to find out their desires and needs. Those courses with the most student interest were then offered. Some of the classes that ran an extra period were drama with Ms. Getzlaff, television productions with Mr. Pate, Chemistry with Mr. Werst, and English with Mrs. Jager. School buses even ran after the classes so students who had no personal transportation could get home safely.

Although a small percentage of the North High student body was enrolled in seventh period classes, the concept was indeed a beneficial idea. Classes like marching band could practice four days a week for two straight hours each day. Students who were cast members of *West Side Story* had that time during seventh period to learn and practice their music and dances, and then put together the production. The members of band and drama found that those two non-stop hours of practice greatly helped them to perfect their talents.

The Silver Anniversary of North Fort Myers High School saw another change as the state demanded more credits for graduation and more required courses. But, as usual, Red Knights met the challenge and implemented the voluntary seventh period.



Some students find it difficult to concentrate during seventh period.



Although the day is over for most of us at 2:00, these students are ready to continue classwork during seventh period.

A seventh period class can sometimes be a terrible bore as *Denise Anderson* is finding out.

The scoreboard displays Red Knights on their way to one of many victories during halftime.

After a football game, the crowd gathers to celebrate their victorious win.

Gliding across the finish line, *Lisa Whitteye* celebrates another win.

Twenty-five Years of Winning

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, then to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not Victory nor Defeat." Theodore Roosevelt.

Defeat has been a word that the Red Knights have not allowed to persuade them into the gray twilight. In the past 25 years the Red Knights have endured many ups and downs. North High has a large assortment of people; big and small, shy and outgoing, leaders and followers. Although different in many ways Red Knights work together. In competition and all aspects of school life the North Fort Myers High School Knights have always come out to be winners.

The trophy case in the main office abounds with awards for a variety of talents. Athletic feats are heralded with trophies in all sports. Entire teams as well as individuals have brought honors to our campus. Red Knights have captured local, district, regional, and state victories.

Trophies and plaques are merely part of the "awards" that Red Knights acquired. North students' involvements in service organizations have also improved public relations with the community. Clubs such as Interact, and Key Club have brought outstanding recognition to the school by their community services.

Language is a very important factor in our lives. Students at North High are not only involved in speaking English but also Spanish, French, and German. The speaking of these languages is not the only prospect that is considered. Through the years our foreign language organizations have been to many local and state competitions. They have won ribbons, trophies, and have been ranked from "good" to "outstanding."

The performing arts, consisting of band, chorus, and drama are organizations which also compete locally and state-wide. The North Fort Myers bands and choruses have also collected numerous awards for outstanding achievements. North's Thespian troup 2519 has received superior ratings at the district and state levels.

Scholastically, North's students have proven to do exceptionally well as verified by programs such as the Freshman and Sophomore Achievement programs and the National Honor Society. Each year, North Fort Myers High School seniors post excellent S.A.T. and A.C.T. scores.

North High Red Knights have celebrated twenty-five good years of outstanding achievements and success.

Showing great triumph *Alex Paz* and *Tim Gardner* shake hands.

Red Knights are winners in every subject and sport.

Another Day, Another Fiasco

7:00 a.m. Overslept — again! I flew into the icy shower, brushed my teeth, and jumped into my clothes.

7:10 a.m. Inhaling my burnt toast, I spilled scorching hot coffee all over my white pants.

7:15 a.m. After searching for another pair of clean pants, I changed and gathered my 25 pounds of school books and unfinished homework assignments.

7:18 a.m. I threw my school work into my thirsty car and attempted to crank the motor.

7:23 a.m. Riding on fumes, I coasted into the gas station. Luckily, the car died right next to the gas pumps.

7:29 a.m. Dust and sand flew everywhere as I squealed into the student parking lot and claimed a spot.

7:30 a.m. My school books and papers tumbled out of the car with me as I nobly tried to put one foot in front of the other to scamper through the parking lot to the office.

7:32 a.m. Hoping to talk my way out of another detention, I related a fantastic tale of woe. Unfortunately no one was at all sympathetic, so I received a pink "un-excused" slip and notice of a detention for "*excessive tardies.*"

7:45 a.m. I packed the school books I wouldn't need at the moment into my locker and ambled on to my first three classes. As I moved on, I practiced three or four great excuses to lay on my teachers as to why my homework was not complete.

10:40 a.m. With the gnawing pain of hunger in my stomach, I stealthily raced to my waiting car for a quick trip to McDonald's for lunch. Just as I put my hand on the door handle, I felt the presence of a not-so-friendly being. "Whatcha up to now?" demanded *Mr. Weatherwax* as he grabbed my arm. I knew I was a dead duck — I had no pass to leave campus. So, I trudged back to the dean's office to face the music. It was not a pleasant melody — two days in internal suspension!

11:10 a.m. Forced to spend the remainder of my lunch time on campus, I dragged myself to the cafeteria where several hundred anxious students were packed in for the chance to dig into today's "mystery meat."

12:05 p.m. With over half of my day now behind me, I popped a Rolaid into my mouth to settle my acid indigestion and once again visited my locker to pick up needed books.

12:10 p.m. I crippled a freshman on the way to fifth hour class. Being definitely unprepared, I failed the pop quiz and determined my class average to be 43%.

1:10 p.m. My last class of the day and I was almost late, but I zipped in just as the teacher was about to close the door. Being totally exhausted from the strenuous mental and physical activity of the day, I caught a few winks and slept until 1:55.

2:00 p.m. What a joy to my ears! The dismissal bell rang a joyous note. Off to my car I rushed! My battery was dead.

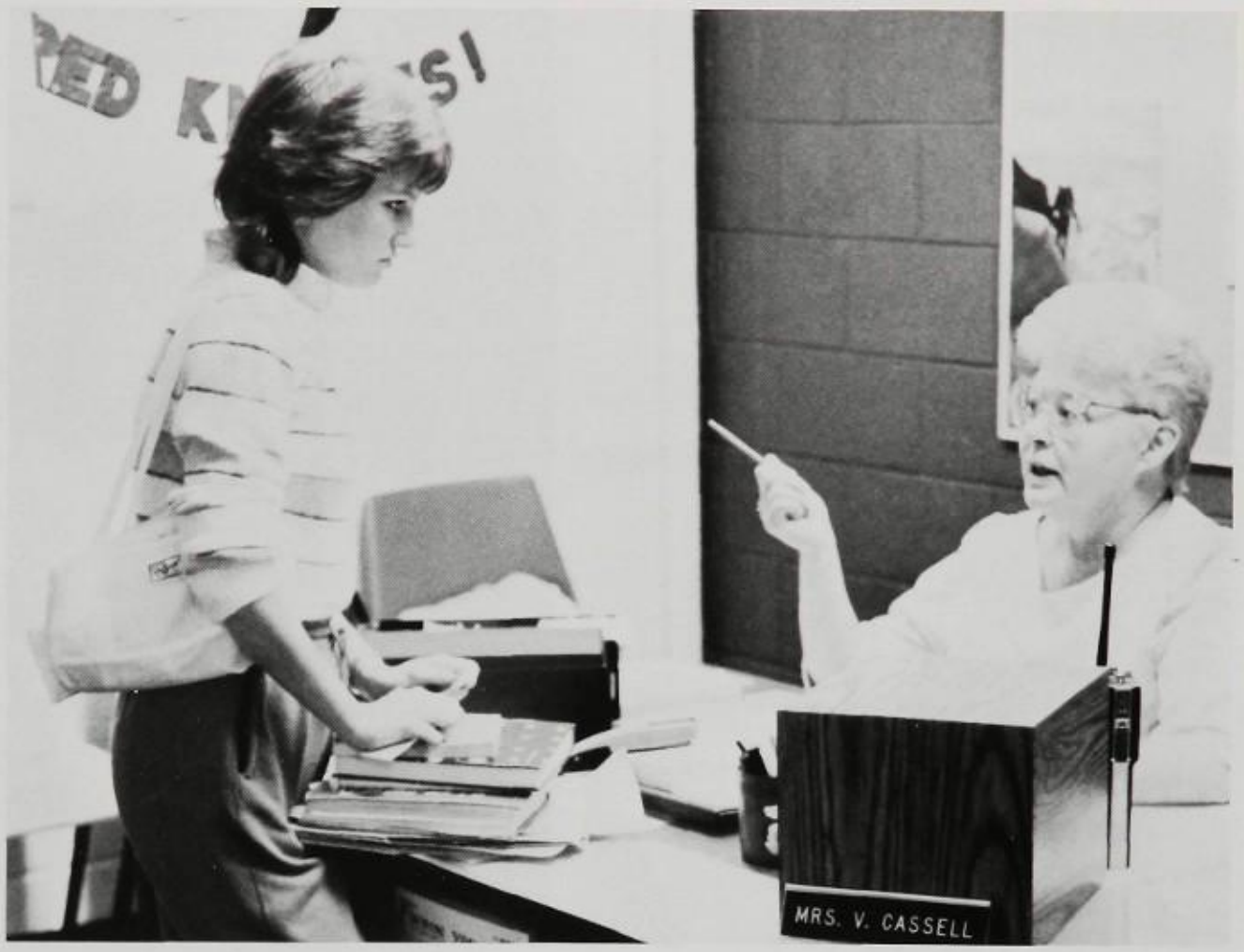
3:10 p.m. After a jump from one of my buddies, I drove home and wondered how I could possibly top this day in the weeks to come.

Senior *Dawn Morrison* watches her paycheck drain into her gas tank.

As her books and papers tumble out of her car, *Dawn* wonders what will happen next.

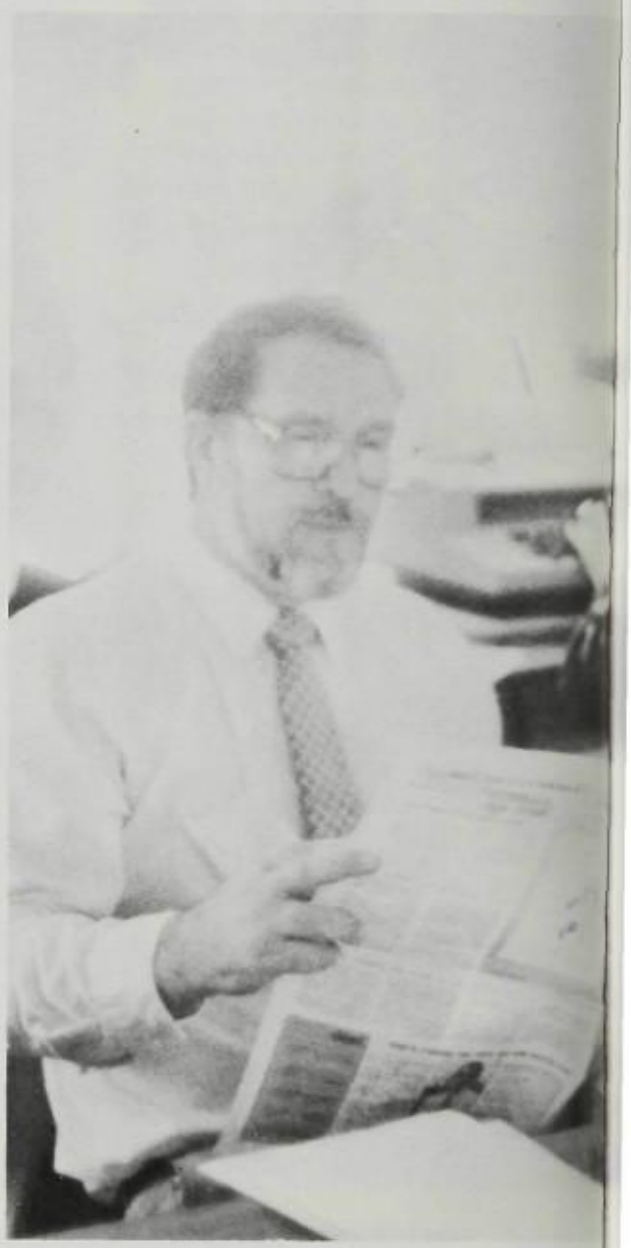
Hoping to talk her way out of another detention, *Dawn* tears through the parking lot.

"That sounds mighty suspicious to me," replies Dean *Virginia Cassell* after hearing *Dawn's* story.



"Alright young lady, where's your pass?" demands *Mr. Richard Weatherwax.*

A S.A.C.S. member relaxes and takes a look at our Knight Life newspaper.

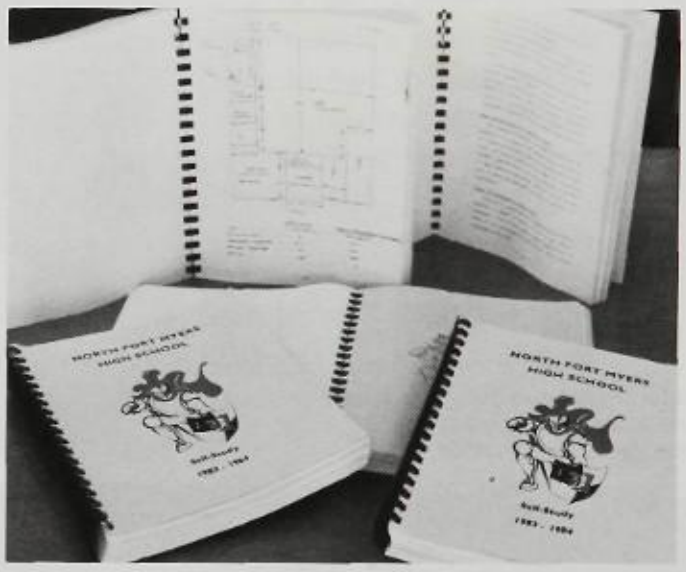


While on break, evaluating committee members pose for a picture.

Receiving helpful advice from a S.A.C.S. member is *Mr. Edmund Stickles.*

Committee members share a few friendly words while visiting North High.

Summed up in writing is the five year study of North Fort Myers High School.



Not an Ordinary School

As known to generations of Red Knights for the past twenty-five years, North Fort Myers High School is not an ordinary high school in an ordinary community. This was also the conclusion of *Dr. Charles T. Council* and the other members of the SACS Visiting Committee who visited, analyzed, and evaluated North High School this past fall.

Although the committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools made their visitation just this past year, the preliminary work began ten years ago after the last evaluation in 1974. Five years after that report, the North High faculty and staff embarked on a thorough self study on the progress made after those 1974 recommendations. These evaluations were published in the North Fort Myers High School "Five Year Evaluation Report." At the end of the 83-84 school year, the faculty and staff re-evaluated and published the "Self-Study." This 205 page report was printed, bound, and delivered to the SACS committee well in advance of their visit.

On the evening of September 14, 1984, North's campus was filled with faculty, administrators, students, and the Southern Association Committee members. The occasion was an informal luau dinner to commence the 3 day evaluation of the Red Knight domain. Opening the festivities was a slide show presentation by Mr. Alan Caraway, showing how North Fort Myers High School and its community work together. For those faculty, staff, and students present, it was a very emotional experience. The final moments were dedicated to the introduction of the twenty-four members of the SACS Evaluation Committee.

The next morning North's corridors and classrooms were filled with new faces. SACS members questioned and surveyed students, faculty, staff and administration. For three days, these highly competent people analyzed and evaluated the status of North Fort Myers High School's educational program. Those diligent evaluators worked round the clock, not to criticize, but to prepare and present thorough, non-partial commendations and recommendations to the Red Knight administration, faculty and staff.

As a result of the intensive and extensive analysis-evaluation, the committee deduced that the real strength of this school is an extraordinary attitude that prevails, one which makes North Fort Myers High School *not* an ordinary school, but one specially accredited and suitable for the needs of the ever-special family of Knights.

John Belushi and *Dorothy* from Kansas visit North High with the help of *Joe Yerkes* and *Pam Brennan*.

Red Knights enjoy themselves during the twenty-fifth Homecoming dance.

Sparkling Red Knight, *Linda Smith* rides for a final time during the Homecoming game.

A Shining Silver Knight

"A Silver Knight" was the theme chosen by the student body of North Fort Myers High School to start North's 25th Homecoming Week. Many months of diligent planning by administration, faculty, and students, helped make Homecoming 1984 the very best ever.

The halls of North High were full of "nerds" Monday, November 5, starting off the dress-up days with a bang. Students got out their nerdiest clothes and paraded around North's campus. North halls were adorned with banners from clubs and organizations during fourth hour to declare their spirit during the Silver Week.

Tuesday was as starstudded as Hollywood, for it was Movie Star Day. Students and faculty portrayed their favorite, famous characters. Marilyn Monroe and Magnum P.I. never looked better. It was also pass day. Students could purchase passes to come to class five minutes late, wear hats, chew gum, or leave class early. Powder Puff football was also an event that everyone enjoyed. While the girls got their chance to strut their stuff on the football field, the male cheerleaders had just as much fun cheering on the girls.

Wednesday was probably the most popular spirit-filled day with Seniors, as it was Senior Take-Over Day. Prearranged, seniors took the place of faculty and administration, experiencing the ups and downs of trying times that teachers and deans go through every day. Wednesday was also Surf and Tourist Day. Students who weren't lucky enough to take over an authoritative position made it through the day as surfers and tourists. Sunglasses, suntan lotion, and bermuda shorts were the "in" thing to wear.

The Sixties Day on Thursday seemed to be more popular with the teachers rather than the students. The main hallway was the ideal place for a sit-in demonstration. Carrying posters declaring "Make Love Not War" and "Hell No, We Won't Go," our faculty marched throughout the halls in their leather boots and sandals, floppy clothes and wigs.

The momentum continued as the Homecoming Parade proceeded down Orange Grove Boulevard late Thursday afternoon serving as an opener for the bonfire, a revived tradition after several years, was eagerly looked forward to by the students. The J.V. football players put Knights in the "Winning Spirit" by defeating the Immokalee Indians 14-6.

The whole purpose of the preceding week finally arrived. Friday was filled with many busy activities, starting with everyone proclaiming that Red Knight Spirit dressed in Red, White, Silver, and Black for the pep rally. *Mrs Bobbie Dewey*

1984 Homecoming Court: Front Row — Freshman Attendants: Tony Knight and Jennifer Ballard, 1983 King Kenny Miller, 1982 Queen Kim Kibler, Sophomore Attendants: Kelly Ludwig and Mike Dickey. Second Row — Junior Attendants: Cindy Gluck, Brad Morrison, Holly Rowe and Ron Reis. Back Row — Senior Attendants: Connie Burke, David Cooke, Sharon Lias, Gerald Leaphart, Carol Petry, Tim Malone, Toni Giffin and Alan Clairmont

King and Queen *David Cooke* and *Carol Petry* lead the court in the dance for royalty only.

North High faculty members *Nancy DeShazo, Terry Hall, Steve Connely,* and *Dottie Fleming* get into the Homecoming Spirit by portraying the Peace Movement for 60's Day.

Red Knight Junior *Brad Morrison* helps adorn the library window with the Silver Knight theme.

A Shining Silver Knight

and *Mrs. Liz Culleton* presented the spirit awards for the week. Seniors took 1st place for the float judging followed by the Juniors who claimed 2nd place. The previously painted windows were also judged. Seniors again took 1st place with their "Hawkbuster" theme. Not to be outdone, the Freshmen took 2nd place. The coveted Spirit stick was bestowed upon the Junior class by *Mr. Edmund Stickles.*

The festivities were far from over while students, faculty, administration, and even alumni anxiously prepared for the pregame activities. Twenty-two alumni cheerleaders helped cheer our Red Knights to victory. Five alumni football players from the 1st Red Knight football team were introduced, and fifty-five alumni band members marched along once again with our present marching Knights.

The Homecoming Court and winning floats were paraded around the stadium for a final time. As Homecoming king and queen, *David Cooke* and *Carol Petry* were crowned, tears were shed from both young and old Red Knights. Memories were being made as well as being remembered.

Everyone was more than ready as kick-off time approached. One of North's biggest rivals was on the field clad in Orange and Blue. the Cape Coral Seahawks. The mighty Red Knights easily defeated the Hawks by an overwhelming 50-6.

Proud of the ball-playing Knights, North students celebrated Homecoming for the final time at the Homecoming Dance. Beautifully decorated, the dance was held on home territory. The Silver Anniversary theme was evident through the lovely decorations. Silver stars and tiny lights made for an unforgettable evening with that "special someone." This was one week the Red Knight family will never forget.

Aboard the award-winning float, *Seniors Angela Morrison, Heidi Williams, Lynn Truskey, James Hall, Jamie Black, Jake Hemed, Kyna Lister,* and *Lori Hayworth* celebrate a Silver Knight after capturing the enemy Seahawk portrayed by *Kevin Chalmers.*

Senior powder puff player *Susan Lewsader* charges down the field for a touchdown against the sophomores. Teammate *Angela Morrison* moves in to assist.

Right down to her eyeshadow, junior *Leigh Thar* shows just how "unusual" she can be for dress-up day.

From New York to North High

Who said it wasn't possible to enjoy doing something and learn something at the same time? It couldn't have been one of North High's Red Knights — not if they were a part of the 1985 production of *West Side Story*.

Over eighty students in grades 9 through 12 worked together to present Arthur Laurent's modern version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Forty cast members sang Stephen Sondheim's lyrics and danced to Leonard Bernstein's music. Members of *Mrs. Melanie Loy's* orchestra played some of the musical numbers, while other students volunteered to play the remaining orchestral parts. Students in *Miss Getzlaff's* first and second period drama classes handled publicity, sets, costumes, makeup, ticket sales, ushering, and backstage crew assignments. Parents volunteered their time and talent to help with production duties.

In December, *Miss Getzlaff* held tryouts for each of the roles and two days before Christmas vacation, she published the cast list. In addition to the four major roles of *Maria (Sandy Rice), Tony (Rob Pearce), Anita (Lori Pastirik),* and *Bernardo (Randy Whidden),* thirty-eight other characters were selected from the auditions.

These cast members took home their librettos and studied them during the holiday break. Then, upon returning to school on January 2nd, they started the three-month rehearsal schedule. With assistance of vocal coach *Mrs. Pruella Nivery,* they learned to project their voices and interpret the song lyrics. Under the choreography of *Miss Getzlaff,* they learned dance steps and routines and also the technique of stage fighting. After ten weeks of practice, each actor had refined his character and had his music and choreography perfected.

The final weeks of practice were exhausting — physically, mentally and emotionally. It was time to integrate and coordinate all aspects of production. Sets were used. Makeup was applied. Costumes were worn. Live music accompanied the show. Fear of forgetting lines, lyrics, cues, and dance steps ran rampant within the cast. Anxiety as to whether or not the audiences would be appreciative and responsive was prevelant.

Then, everything seemed to gel. Once those spotlights were turned on and overture was played, fears disappeared. That nervous energy transformed into performing energy. The Jets and the Sharks played out their roles as New York street gangs of the 1950's. The classic love tragedy came alive through the energies and talents of those eighty Red Knights.

"I was scared at first. I knew the role was very demanding," said *Sandy Rice (Maria).* "For three months I lived, slept, and breathed *West Side Story*. I knew this would be my last high school dramatic role and I was determined to do it well," exclaimed *Lori Pastirik (Anita).* "My parents were shocked when I told them I was going to act, sing, and dance in a musical. I never realized how strenuous performing could be — I thought football was tough, but so was this, "confessed *Max Saler (A-rab).*

Living up to the Red Knight reputation, the cast, crew, and musicians of *West Side Story* offered North Fort Myers High School a brilliant performance.

"I feel pretty," sings *Sandy Rice (Maria)* to *Lizette Patterson (Teresita)* and *LaShaun Middlebrooks (Consuela).*

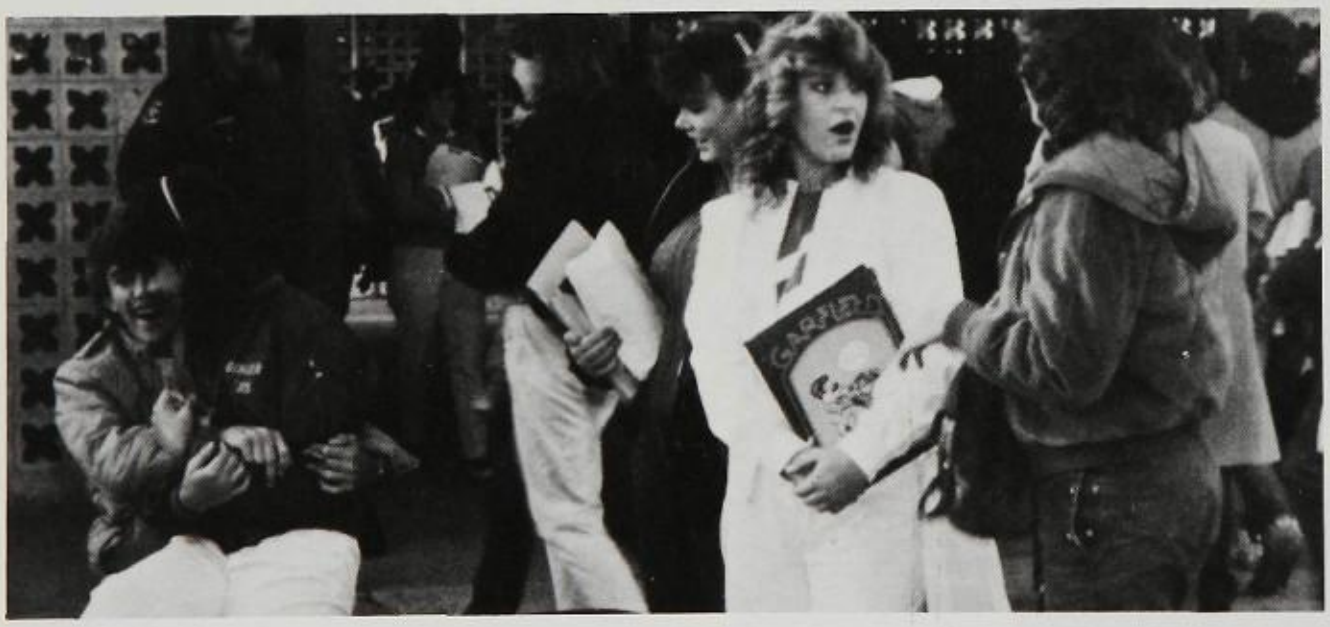
Coming with a message for *Tony, Anita (Lori Pastirik)* is stopped by gang members.

Bragging about their lives in America are *LaShaun Middlebrooks, Lizette Patterson, and Lori Pastirik.*

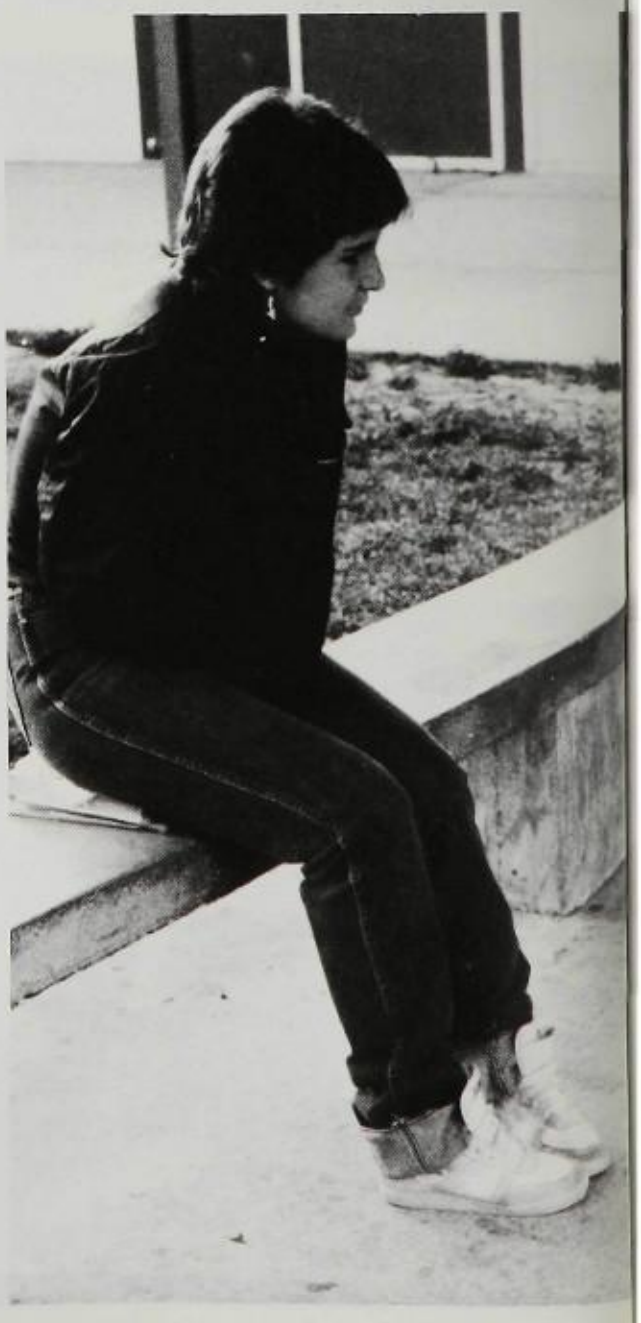
In solemn procession members of both gangs carry *Tony's* dead body in rehearsal.

Slugging it out are *Sean MacDonald (Riff)* and *Randy Whidden (Bernardo).*

Keeping warm during the 40° weather are *Doug Thompson, Dale Caughy, Amy Pulsifer,* and *Anna Jones.*



Wearing their winter jackets, *Red Knights* converse in the morning's cool air.



Trying to keep warm, *Debbie Morse* tightly curls up.

Trying to stay warm was the main goal for *Red Knight's Julie May* and *Kelly Ludwig*.

Even the "tough men" *Steve DeShazo* and *Robert Tromberti* get cold.

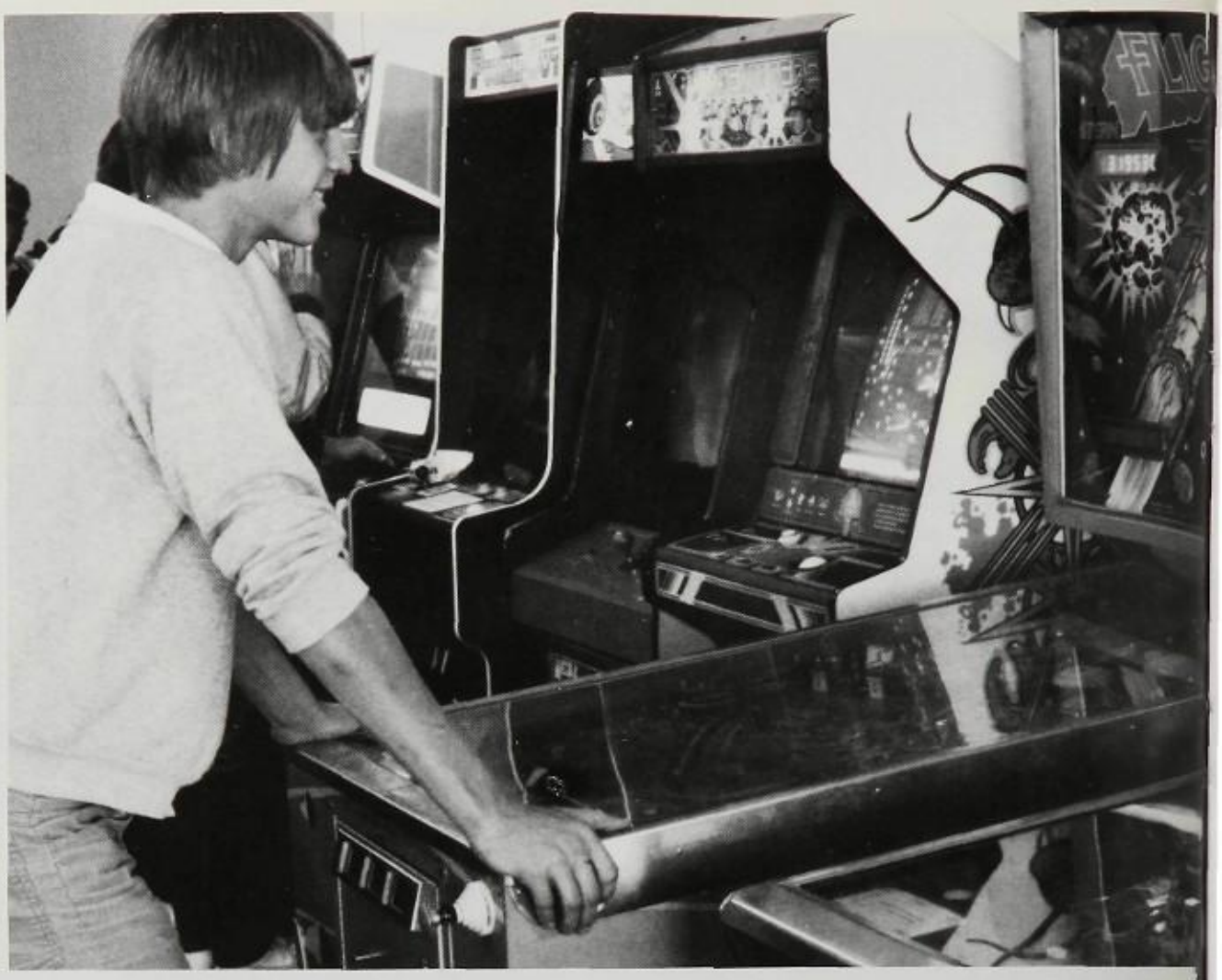
Body Heat

Florida may be well known as the "Sunshine State," full of warm tropical breezes, but there have been some days when temperatures have dropped below the level of human comfort — especially for the native Floridians.

As the frigid air drifted down from the North, many Red Knights drifted to their closets to pull out their seldom used winter jackets. After ten months of hot, humid weather, North High's faculty and students were to dig down to the bottom of their dresser drawers to locate flannel shirts and heavy turtleneck sweaters. If this did not quite keep Knights warm, they clinged to that "someone special" for a little body heat. Others kept warm by carrying around a hot cup of coffee or finding a place where the sun was. To get out of the shade for a minute helped.

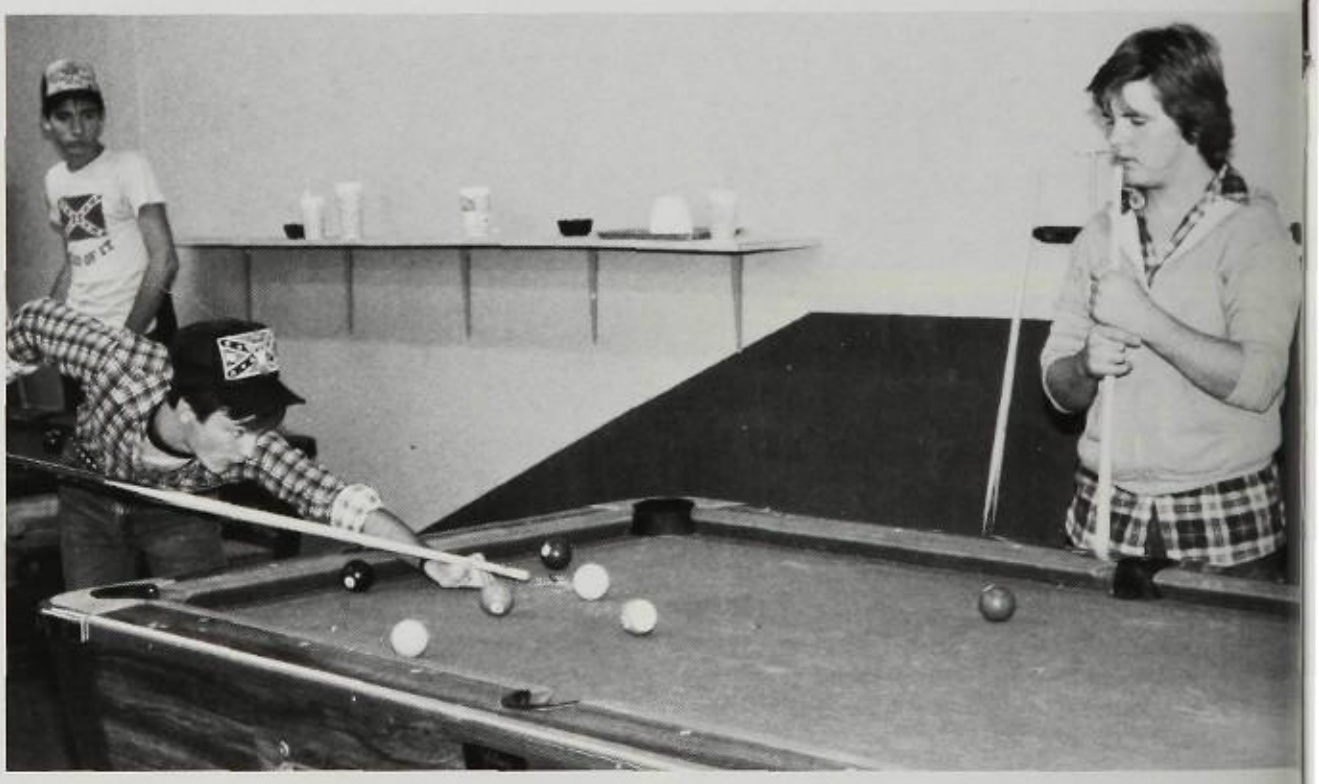
When the temperature dropped into the forties and the wind chill factor read a cold thirty degrees, Red Knights cranked up their electric blankets and heaters. For a few natives, the only way to fight the cold was to bundle up in layers of warm sweaters, jackets, gloves, and even ear muffs. As the students trudged down the corridors in the morning, they gave the appearance of wrapped mummies. Inevitably, by the close of the school day, temperatures rose a good twenty degrees and Red Knights had to peel off the layers of clothing, and lug them around.

As the winter finally came to a halt, Red Knights released a sigh of relief and traded their flannel shirts for cotton T-shirts and bathing suits and once again headed for the beaches. The warm tropical weather made them once again, after two months, realize why Florida is known for being the "Sunshine State."



Spending some of his free time playing pin-ball is *Shawn Jewell.*

"I thought it was your treat today," declares *Melissa Rowan* to *Donald Robinson* and *Curt Randall.*



Jeffrey Pierce and *Richard Stokes* enjoy a strategic game of pool, while *Donald Robinson* watches from behind.

A Little Rest and Relaxation

After long hours spent at North High, Red Knights were more than ready for a little rest and relaxation. Of course, not everyone spent their spare hours at home. Red Knights were sure to be involved in creating fantastic memories.

Knights spent most of their time improving their tans, going sailing, or just checking out the gorgeous bodies on the beaches. Having such a convenient access to the beaches of Sanibel and Fort Myers made it an easy quest.

If the beach was not their cup-of-tea, the various video arcades provided many students with endless hours of entertainment. Knights fed their quarters into the popular video games like "Centipede," "PacMan," and "Donkey Kong" with hopes of achieving high scores.

Weekends were the perfect time to engage in sports of all kinds. Backyard games such as football and baseball were played everywhere.

Mudding was another favorite weekend pastime. Red Knights joined in competition with rival schools to determine who had the baddest 4 wheel, all-terrain, vehicle.

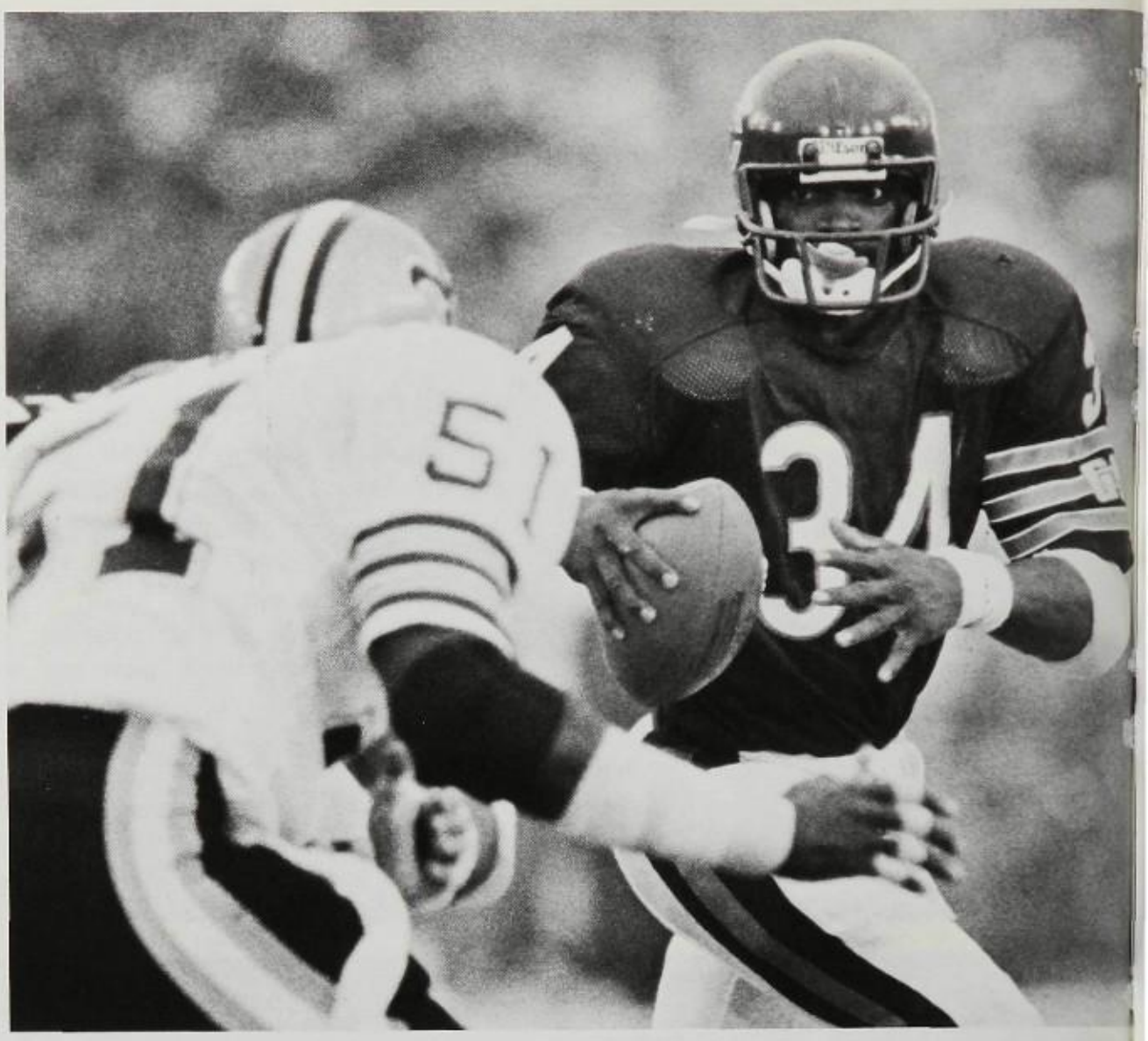
Romance flourished not only on the weekends, but during after school hours as well. Couples spent precious times eating at restaurants, going to movies, and dancing at various clubs. Money wasn't always necessary for a good time. Lovers often spent their time just hanging around the house and watching T.V.

Red Knights always seemed to have a good time. However, as with all good things, the spare times soon came to an end, too soon and Knights had to concentrate on their studies while planning for their next moment of spare time.

A lot of spare time and quarters were put into the popular video games which was proven by *Tammy Mattox*.

Sharing a friendly conversation on the beach are *Monica Skinner* and *Shelley Gartner*.

On the verge of setting the record for rushing is Chicago Bears' *Walter Payton*.



Displaying her expertise on the balance beam is U.S. Olympic Gymnast *Mary Lou Retton*.

 Wide World Photos

Events Span the Spectrum

As each new school year commenced in late August, the anticipation and anxiety of what would happen during that year was prevalent in the minds of all North Fort Myers High School Red Knights. This past year, the year of our Silver Anniversary Celebration, was no different. World events varied from being jubilant and rejoicing, to being sad and disastrous. At times they were marred with unrest and turmoil, while at other times they were adorned with progress and precedence.

Our own symbol of hope and freedom, 98 years old in 1984, The Statue of Liberty began to show the signs of aging. It was worn from constant pummeling by wind, salty ocean air, and acid rain. The iron ribbing supporting the copper covering was also in terrible shape. In July of 1984 a two-year restoration period was undertaken. Donations were taken throughout the entire United States to boost the project. Our Red Knights became involved in an extensive campaign to collect money for this project. Once this restoration project is completed, our own famous "Lady" will be adorned with a new gold-plated torch.

The World Series of 1984 saw the Detroit Tigers and the San Diego Padres fighting for the win. Detroit walked away with four games to one. The Chicago Cubs came close to getting in to the Series, but the Padres stood firm and tough. In the American League, the Kansas City Royals lost in the playoffs to the Detroit Tigers.

On the professional football scene, *Walter Payton,* running back for the Chicago Bears, set the record for rushing as he broke the record of 12,312 yards formerly held by Cleveland Browns' star *Jim Brown.*

The Summer Olympics held in Los Angeles, California was a highly successful event for American olympians. Our athletes won 83 gold medals, 61 silver medals, and 30 bronze medals. *Carl Lewis* walked away with four of these golds for the 100 meters, 200 meters, the four 100 meter relay, and the long jump. *Mary Lou Retton* won the all-round gold medal and led the United states Gymnastic Team to a silver medal. She also won a bronze medal for the floor exercise as well as for the uneven parallel bars; and she captured a silver medal in the vault. Our United States' victories were only slightly marred by the fact that the Soviet Union and other Communist countries boycotted the Summer Olympics.

The Winter Olympics in Yugoslavia saw the United States athletes bring back 4 gold medals and also 4 silver medals. *Scott Hamilton* took a gold medal in men's figure skating, and *Steve Mahre* won a gold medal in the Giant Slalom Skiing Event.

Smiling victoriously after a land-slide election win, are *President and Mrs. Reagan.*

Welcoming *Pope John Paul II,* are 200,000 natives in Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea.

Following elections in El Salvador, two soliders seem pleased with the outcome.

Events Span the Spectrum

Our space scientists kept continually busy during this past year. Early in the year, *Bruce McCandless,* mission specialist , took a walk in space. He went up on the Shuttle Challenger for an eight-day mission in space. In the early hours of dawn, many a Red Knight stood in their yards and driveways watching the marvelous stream of glowing red light as the shuttle blasted off the ground.

Americans were caught up in political activities right here at home during 1984. *President Ronald Reagan* won re-election with the biggest electoral vote in our nation's history. Winning 49 states and 49% of the total vote, *Mr. Reagan* easily defeated Democratic presidential candidate *Walter Mondale* who made history when he chose a woman, *Geraldine Ferraro* as his vice presidential running mate. Although the election night of November 6, 1984 was a victory for *President Ronald Reagan* and *Vice President George Bush,* their opponents also were satisfied with the precedences they had set and the strides they had made in the election campaign.

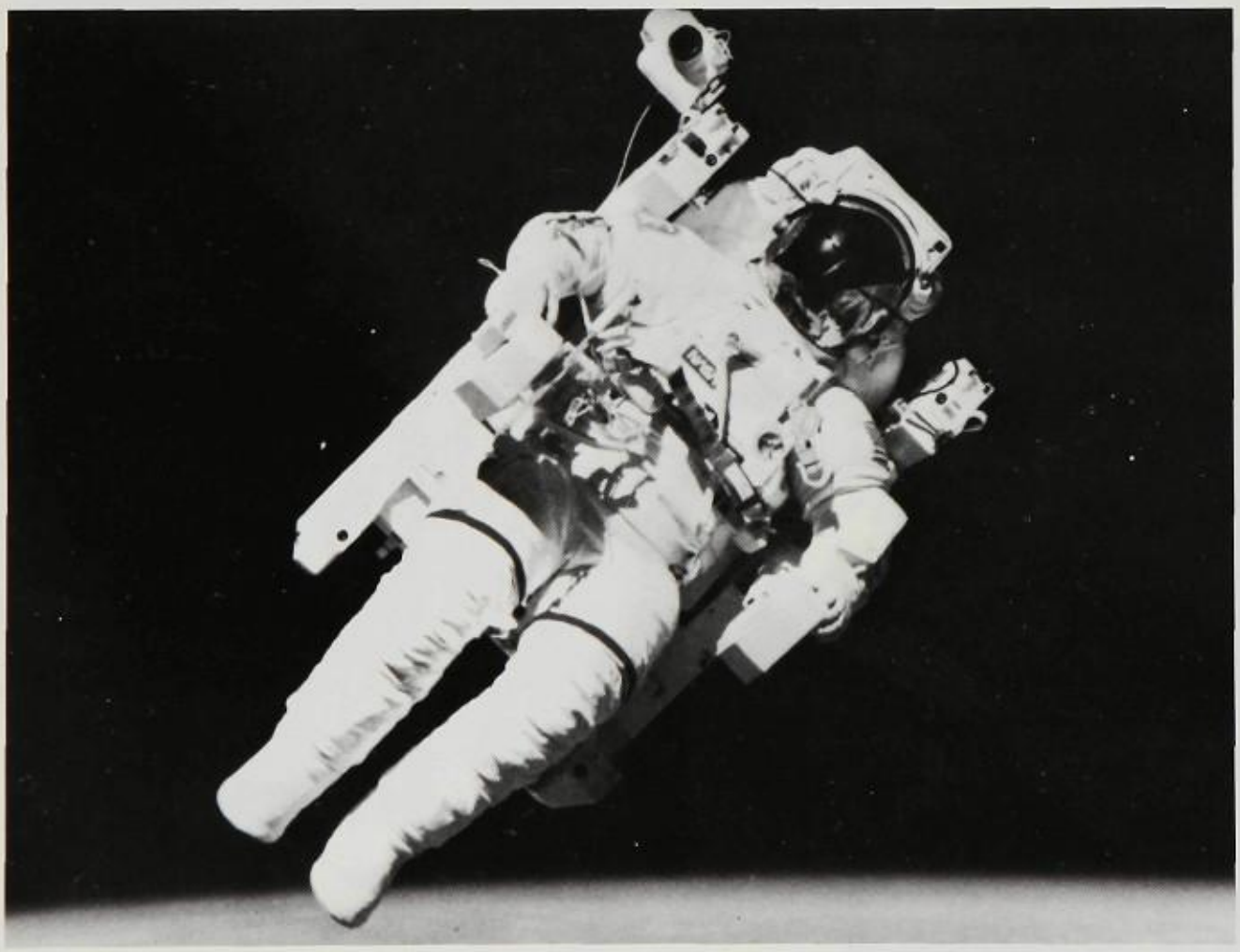
Also marking the year were the tragedy and sorrow of the loss of lives of many young Americans. The United States Marines had arrived in Beirut in 1982 when Lebanon was torn by civil war and foreign invasion plagued the nation. Two years later, when our troops left, more than 260 of our Marines had lost their lives. Although Lebanon was still at war with most of its territory occupied by foreign troops and its government still tottering, the price of *President Reagan's* commitment was too high, so he withdrew our Marines.

While fighting and civil war continued in Lebanon, elections were held in El Salvador. *Jose Napoleon Duarte* was elected president in what many international observers called the "most open and free election that country had in fifty years."

The highly admired and respected *Pope John Paul II* did a great deal of traveling in 1984. In May, the countries of South Korea, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands were lucky enough to be visited by him. The month of June saw the *Pope* in Switzerland. In September he was in Canada, and in October he visited Spain, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.

As Red Knights entered their year of "celebration," so did several popular figures in the entertainment world. Winning Oscars for their performances in "Terms of Endearment," were *Shirley MacLaine* (Best Actress) and *Jack Nicholson* (Best Supporting Actor). *Robert Duvall* received an Oscar for his role in "Tender Mercies" (Best Actor) and *Linda Hunt* received one for her role in "The Year of Living Dangerously" (Best Supporting Actress). Although not entertainers, *Princess Diana* and *Prince Charles* of Great Britain had the birth of their second son, *Prince Harry* to celebrate.

As with any other calender year, the world events of 1984 played an important role in the lives of Red Knights as they celebrated their 25th Anniversary.



Using the manuevering unit as he walks in space is mission specialist *Bruce McCandless.*

Restoration of our great "Lady" begins to show progress.

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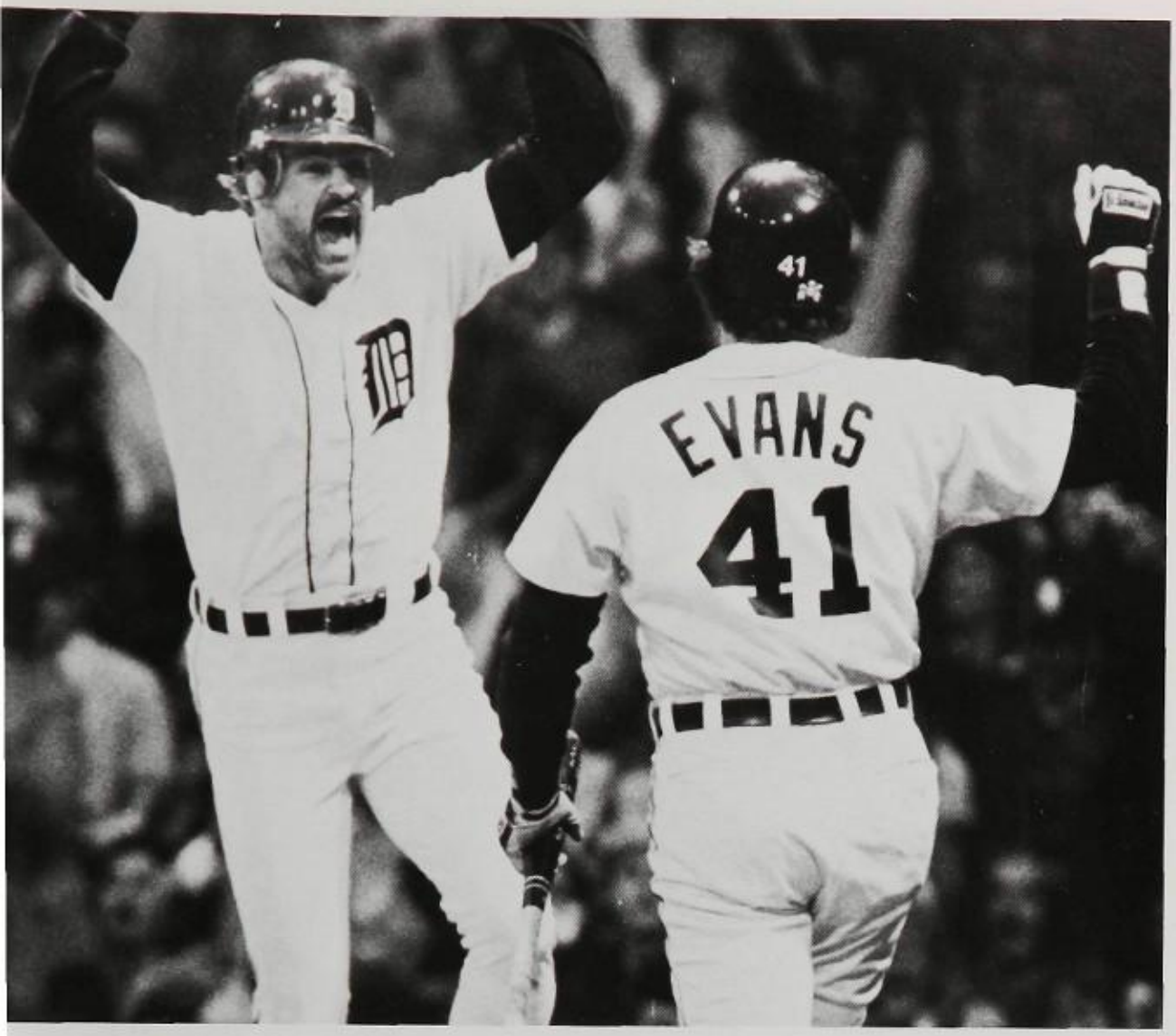

Jubilant over the Detroit World Series victory are *Kirk Gibson* and *Darrell Evans*.

Capturing a gold medal for the United States Winter Olympic Team is *Steve Mahre* in the skiing event.

Not realizing the cost of their arrival in Beirut, American Marines seem happy to be there.

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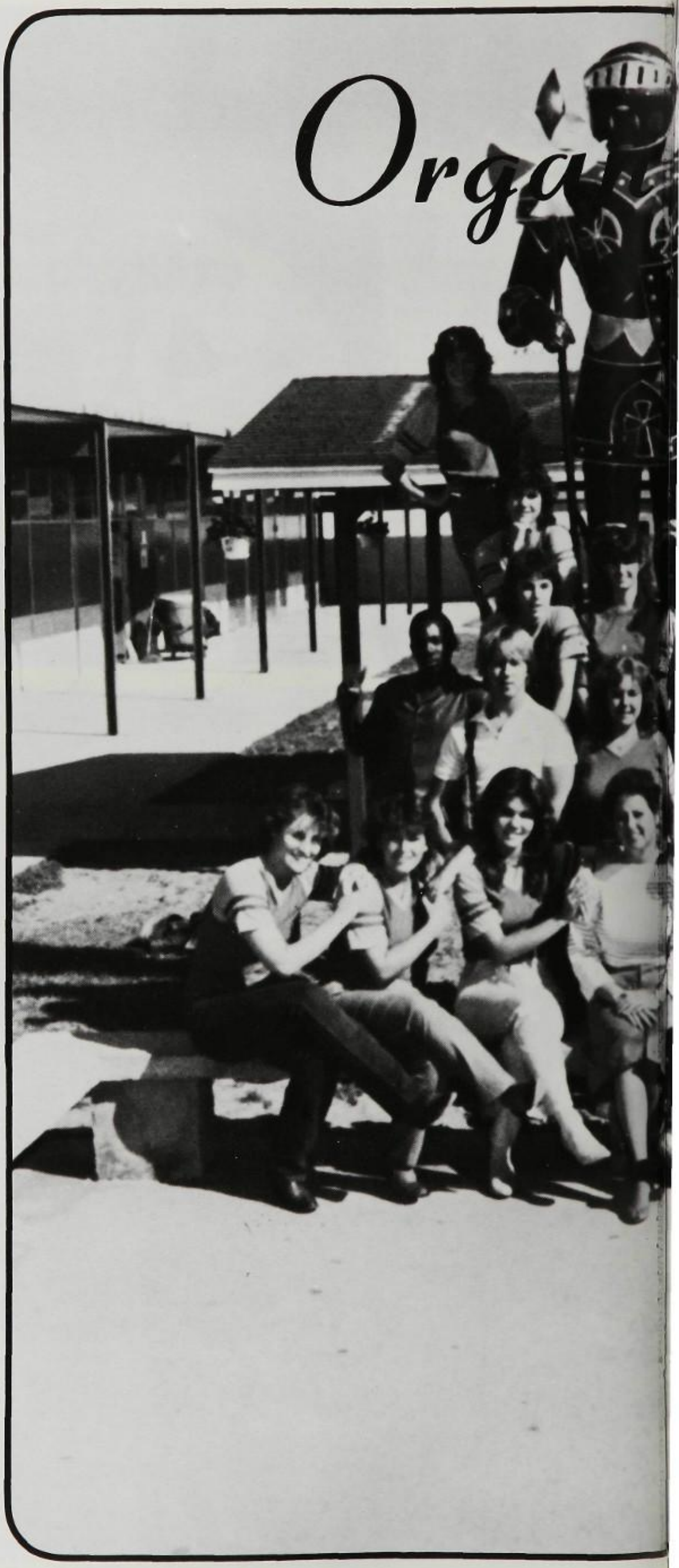

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"Student Activities — the other half of education." During the past twenty-five years, clubs and organizations have played major roles in the lives of Red Knights. Membership in them has offered friendships, education, pride, loyalty, cooperation, and individual personal growth.

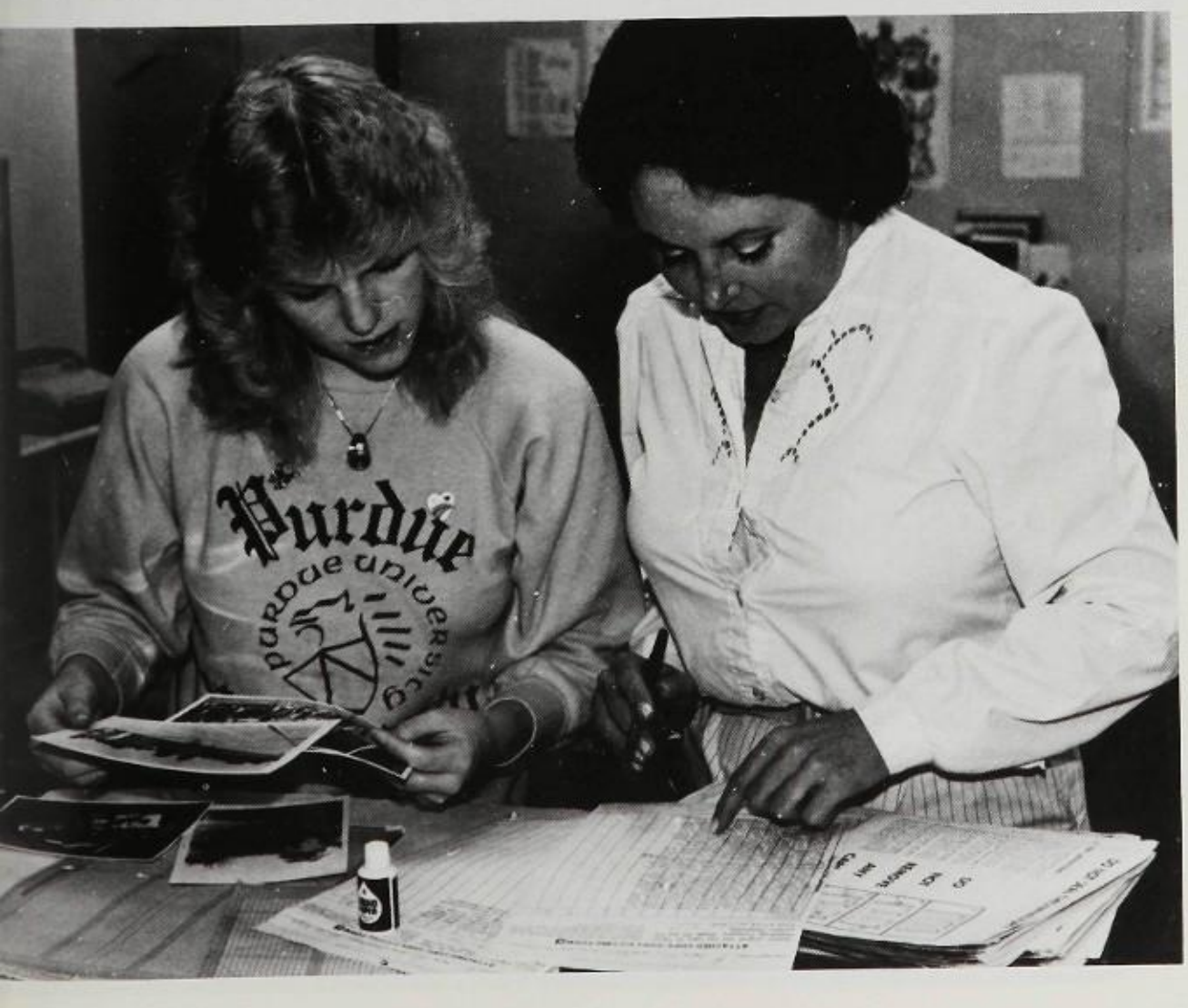
The specific purposes of the clubs are varied. Some may be purely social — for Knights of similar interests to get together solely to have fun. Others may have the goal of teaching skills needed for future occupations — business, language, music, agriculture, theater. Service to the school and community may be the purpose of some groups. Whatever may be the intended initial purpose of each club, Red Knights have always reaped more than just one benefit from membership.

Being a member of one of North High's organizations is a privilege which offers hard work, prestige, honor, and personal satisfaction and growth. Red Knights have always been proud of their school and its organizations and, in this Silver Anniversary year, celebrate their successes.

Posing for their picture is the 1961 *Lance* staff.

Trying to meet deadlines, *Jackie White* works diligently.

Lance 85: Front row — Connie Lee, Jackie White, Advisor Andrea Getzlaff, Tiffany Castle, Sandy Hefner, Christy Ratliff. Second row — Jenny Valella, Kim Culver, Assistant Editor Cindy Weber, Kathy Piirainen, Todd Lake, Cindy Summerall. Back row — Greg Williams, Sherry Ward, Michelle Core, Editor Beth Gurnham, Lisa Garrett, James Pearce, Shelley Gartner



Putting on the finishing touches, Editor *Beth Gurnham* and Advisor *Andrea Getzlaff* converse.

Discussing a new form of layout are Lance members *Tiffany Castle, Kathy Piirainen, Todd Lake,* and *Jenny Valella.*

Writing captions for one of the many pages in *Lance* is member *Shelly Gartner.*

We Turn Upside Down for You

Celebrating the Silver Anniversary at North has broadened new horizons and aroused new perspectives to the *Lance* Staff of '85.

With twenty-two members, *Lance* photographers were seen snapping pictures, while the others were taking notes, or interviewing fellow Red Knights for the unique 25th edition of *Lance.*

Lance first began in 1960 as the *Knight Errant.* It was far from being its superior quality of today, but it developed style, class, and sophistication thanks to Taylor Publishing and Bryn Alan.

The *Lance* staff maintained its own internal account and raised money to finance the entire production. In order to put a yearbook together the *Lance* staff raised almost $30,000 a year. Students had to sell $200 in ads as part of their requirement for the class. Another fund raiser was the selling of spirit items, senior letters and, of course, the most outstanding yearbook in Lee County as the final goal.

Dedication to long hard hours was just one of the many responsibilities that *Lance* members undertook. At 2:00 when the bell dismissed school, yearbook continued. If there was any work to be completed it took place after school or on weekends.

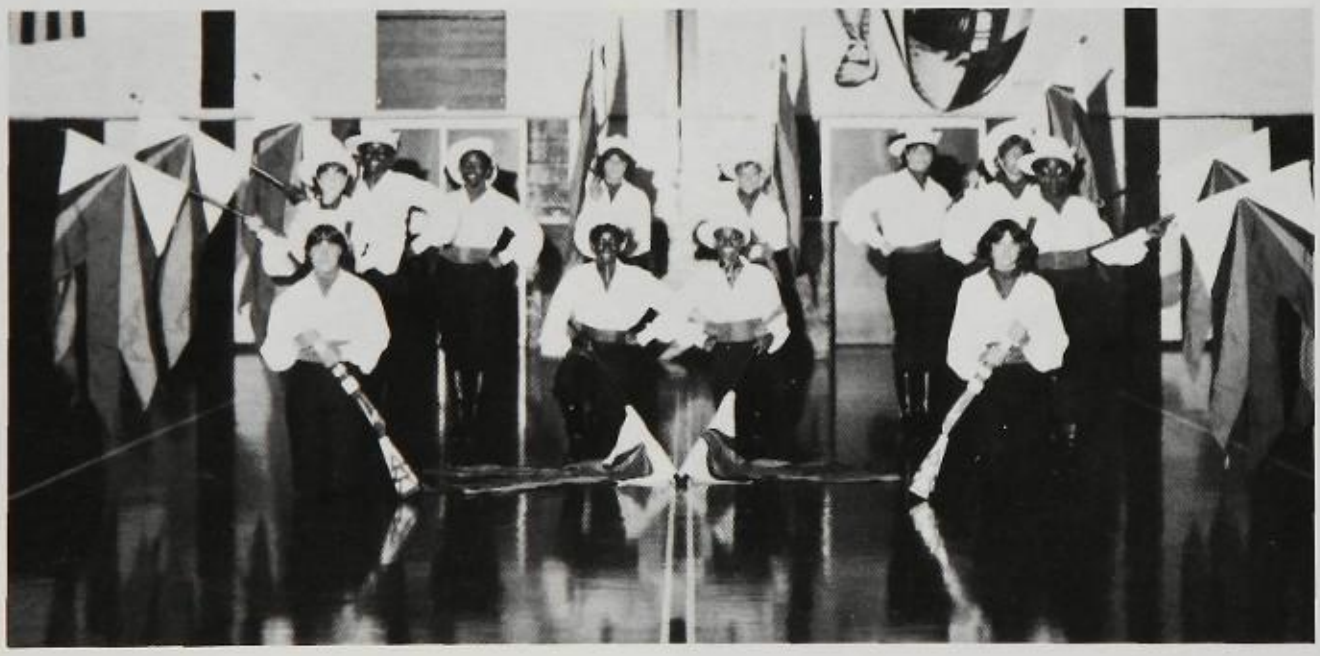
Being an editor wasn't as easy as it sounded. It meant long strenuous hours. Deadlines had to be met on certain days and the editors were responsible for their pages to completed.

Under the supervision of *Andrea Getzlaff* many decisions were made before school began. A theme was decided and seniors were reminded to get their traditional senior pictures taken for the yearbook.

Editors began diligently working on their section for the Silver Anniversary.

Each *Lance* member contributed long hard hours in the 25th book. Without the staff there wouldn't be pictures to remember your friends by, special times, or activities to hold on to forever. Instead, they captured these moments and sealed them forever inside one book for a lifetime.

Percussion section shows their style on the field.



Our snappy Red Knight Marching Band Auxiliary: Lori Pastirik, Jill Bayliss, Vanessa Jones, Rena Lane, Delretta Jones — co-captain, Joyce Williams — co-captain, Leann Scudder, Leigh Thar, Anna Miller, Lorenda Washington, Febra Scudder.

Drum major, *Glenn Bitter*, directs his comrades for one *last performance*.

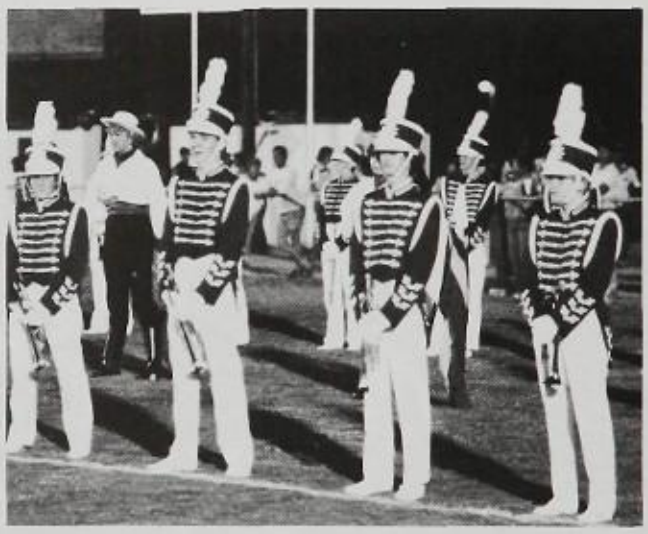
Knights' Sounds

Mixed feelings stirred this summer among fellow Red Knight Marching Band members as they bid farewell to *Keith Stark,* their band director for four years, and welcomed *Brian Burgess* as their new leader. Even with the new edition, the Red Knights soon learned everything would go as usual.

Hours and hours of practice were spent perfecting marching band field routines and both individual and group musical abilities. Before the school year began band members could be seen dedicating their time preparing for future performances. Summer school band was led by senior band members who taught new incoming band members the drills and basic marching maneuvers.

The reputation of excellence was still shining here at North as the Red Knight Marching Band won the superior rating in the 1984 District Marching Festival. Their participation in the Edison Pageant of Light Parade also showed everyone their outstanding showmanship and musical proficiency.

Marching wasn't the only thing these Red Knights know how to do as both the symphonic and concert bands performed the traditional Christmas concert, spring festival and North High's commencement ceremony. During the second semester the members of the marching band also took part in symphonic and concert band. To obtain admission into symphonic band a student had to pass a grueling audition consisting of running scales, sight reading, and playing a musical selection of their choice that they feel best shows their talent. The symphonic band consisted of highly skilled musicians. Once a person became a member of symphonic band as a freshman he continued to be a member throughout his high school years. All students who did not make symphonic band were automatically part of concert band. Concert band, which was a less advanced class, performed with symphonic band to put on superior concerts. Like marching band, students also performed in group and solo ensembles throughout the county and state.



Waiting to be called to attention, the Red Knight Band proudly stands in the end zone.

The Red Knight Band prepares to play the fight song during a pep rally.

Knights' Sounds

Without the support of the Red Knight Band Boosters the marching band would have had a tough time tackling the many expenses it took to keep the Red Knight Band #1. Directed and supervised by *Brian Burgess,* Drum Major *Glenn Bitter,* Auxiliary coordinator *Shelley Shera,* Flag Corps captains *Joyce Williams* and *Delretta Jones,* and led by their Band Council President *Danny Luders,* the Marching Red Knights found time to engage in a variety of fund raising activities. The sale of MF-Crystal Jewelry, poinsettias for Christmas, and refreshments during football games were just a few of the prosperous activities.

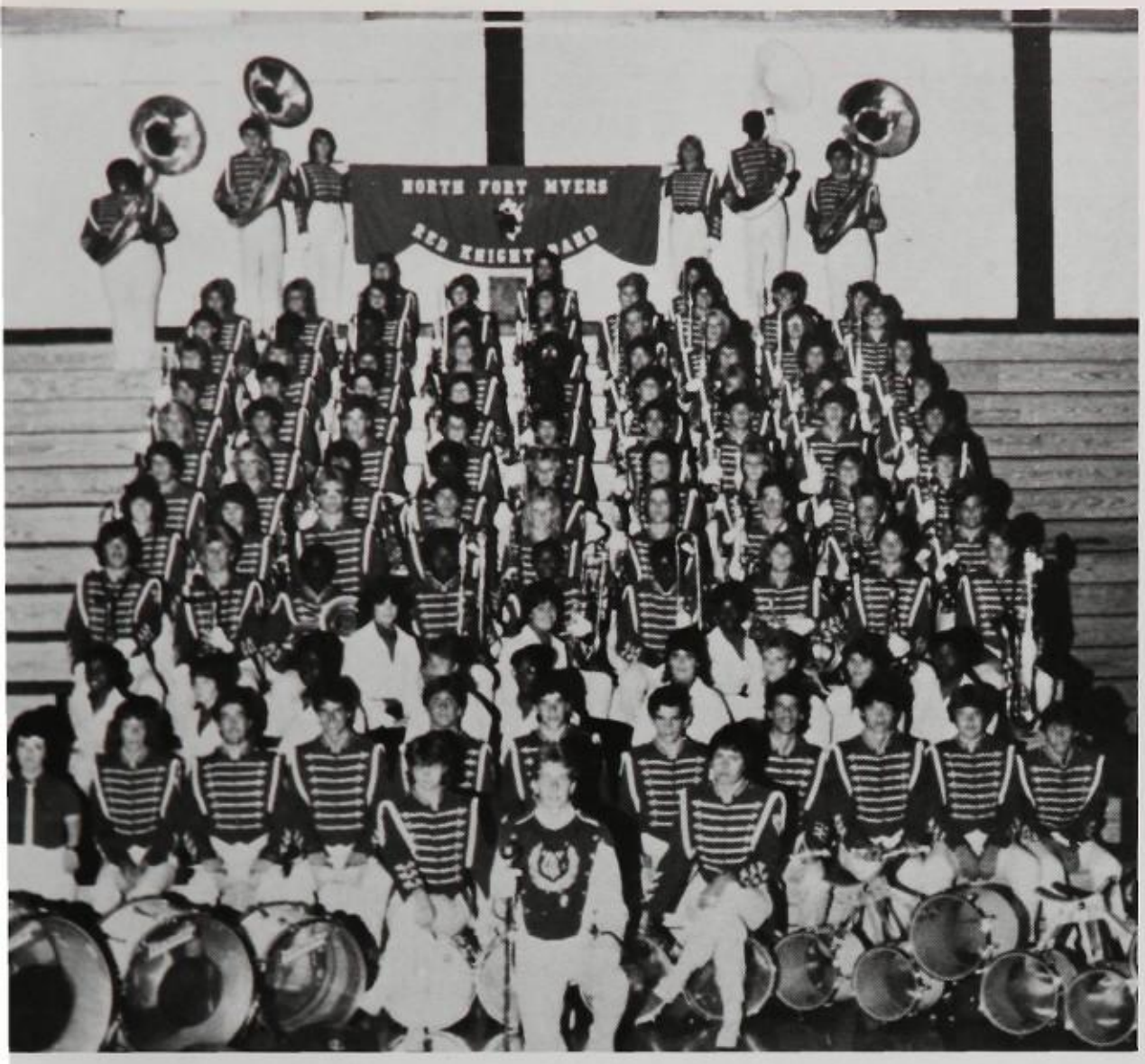
Of course the marching band wouldn't be complete without the auxiliary units directed and supervised by *Shelley Shera* and flag corps captains *Joyce Williams* and *Delretta Jones.* The auxiliary unit consisted of both flags and rifles this year.

After spring and summer tryouts, girls were chosen and began practicing for upcoming performances. Hours and hours were spent in learning the techniques, spins, and twirls. This year to become a member of the auxiliary unit, each person had to be able to twirl the flag and spin a rifle. Each member had to demonstrate coordination, marching ability, determination, and cooperation.

Although the auxiliary units were separate in many ways, they always joined together in order to raise money for trips to competition and the maintaining of uniforms and equipment. Throughout the year, their appearances at football games, in the Edison Pageant of Light Parade and in District Competition, kept the Red Knights' reputation of excellence intact.

Band members show their spirit during the football game.

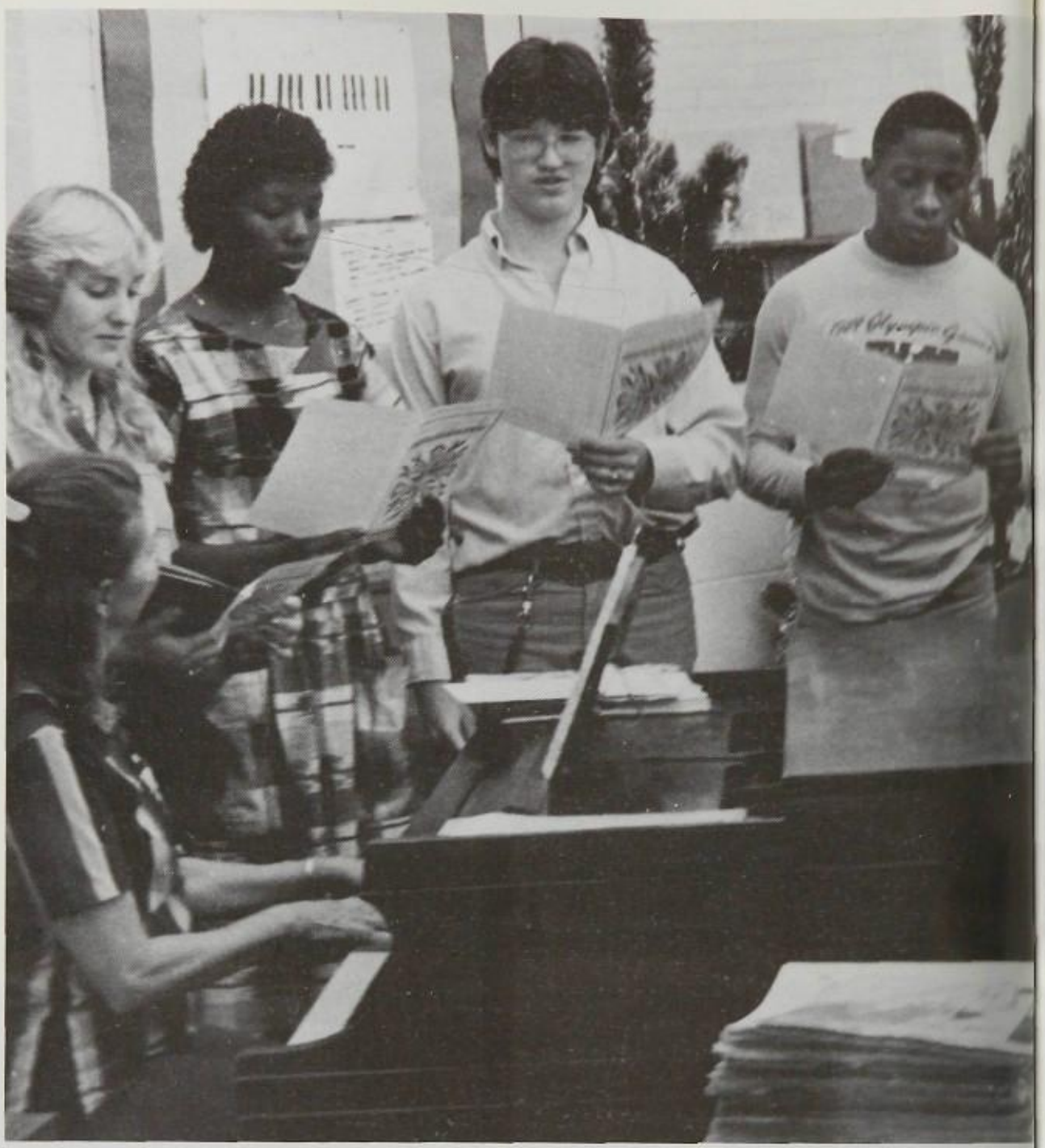
Showing his talent, *John Wild* plays during halftime.



1984-85 Marching Red Knight Band: First Row — Libby Williams, Glenn Bitter, Tami Hauser Second Row — Dulcey Lawson, Amy Gage, John French, Bill Atkins, Sean MacDonald, Darrell Davis, Nick Inbody, Richard Pointke, Eddie Smith, Jason Hall, Chris Flaker, Third Row — Joyce Williams, Jill Bayliss, Lorenda Washington, Anna Miller, Rena Lane, Dawn Siford, Leigh Thar, Leann Scudder, Venessa Jones. Fourth Row — Febra Scudder, Lori Pastrik, Delretta Jones. Fifth Row — Danny Luders, Roger MacDonald, Leighton Brown, James Diggs, Toni Knight, Edwin Carter, Mona Ritter, Rick Wasserlein, Todd Cottrill. Sixth Row — Kallyn Harmon, Christy Reinhold, Jody Holt, Rob Pearce, Renee Mitchell, Jack Lee, Malera Wilson, James Morris, Jeff Earhart. Seventh Row — Scott Kiernan, Heather Newborn, Charlie Montagnari, Bruce Everett, Darcy Thomas, Amy Fuller, Cindy Marks, Chris Pellitier, James Berry. Eighth Row — Amy Ashton, John Wild, Steve Hassenzahl, Melissa Witwer, Leslie Koscheski, Tracy Bridges, Joyce Crawford, Paula Terch. Tenth Row — Lillian Murphy, Michelle Johnson, Kim Grise, Tammy Wittewer, Carlisa Dickerson, Denise Hernandez, Diane Heinkel, Leigh Ann Young, Yvonne Frye. Eleventh Row — Karen Grim, Vercel Williams, Bridgette Williams, Shona Barton, Christine Hooper, Dawn Merritt, Lara Miller, Lisa Waser, Holly Rowe. Twelfth Row — Tracy Jordan, Donna Wilson, Anna Wiklund, Laurie Warner, Michelle Chouinard, Denny Walker, Christy McDonald, Tiffany Tyne, Leslie Bayliss. Thirteenth Row — Tracy Battle, Mary Ann Self, Tammy Crosby, Mike Sheffield. Back Row — Ronnie Herbert, Dawn Scott, Jennifer Ballard, Glenn Hemingway.

Band Council: Diana Heinkle, Mona Ritter, Amy Ashton, Tracy Jordan, Jimmy Gallman, Danny Luders, Glenn Bitter, Kallyn Harmon, Charlie Montagnari, James Diggs, Robby Pearce, Heather Newburn, Holly Rowe, Christy Rinehold.

Flag corps member, *Venessa Jones* shows her ability with the flag during the game.



Touching up the song are *Michelle Barnhill, Patricia Luster, Robert Johnson,* and *Albert Knighten,* along with *Mrs. Pruella Niver.*

Front Row – Mrs. Purella Niver, Debi Casey, **Nina** Anuszewski, Debi Tessier, Karen Casey, Sandria Beigh, Lisa Morrison, Lizette Patterson, Patricia Luster, Richelle Williams, Julie Hickman, Sarah Novin, Lashawn Davis. **Second Row** – Andrea Batcher, Lisa Joseph, Michell Barnhill, Virginia Lawson, Debbie Morse, Trish Orstorm, Renita Davidson, JoBeth Ward, Denise Saylors, Michelle Carrier, Sandy Rice. **Back Row** – Tom Weaver, Reggie Massey, John Taylor, Ralph Black, Wesley Williams, Leroy Knighten, Ben Johnson, James Scroggie, Isiah Powell, Tyrone Jones, Jimmy Ward, Albert Knighten, Mitchell Johnson, Chris Hall, Richard Fain, Hal Askew.

Proudly directing her class is *Mrs. Pruella Niver.*

Listening for their pitch, the chorus class waits for the introduction to end.

Miami Honor Choir: **Front Row** – Andrea Batcher **Second Row** – Par Luster, Jimmy Ward, Lizette Patterson, **Third Row** – Reggie Massey, Mitchell Johnson, **Back Row** – Robert Johnson, James Scroogie, Hal Askew

Sweet Sounds Abound

North Fort Myers High School has always had an outstanding chorus organization. Directed by *Mrs. Pruella Niver* for the past nineteen years, our chorus has been very successful. *Mrs. Niver* has taught thousands of talented students during her rewarding career as a part of the Red Knight family. Not only has she taught chorus, but the 1984-85 was her third year of teaching keyboard.

North's 1984-85 chorus participated in many county activities. During the first half of the year, members went to Riverdale High School to participate in a Lee County Workshop. Directors from four of the five participating schools were there to direct the combined choruses in their performance. The directors present were: *Jen Ley* of Cypress Lake High School, *Mr. Ernest Browning* of Riverdale High School, *Mr. John Welch* of Fort Myers High School, and *Mrs. Pruella Niver* of North Fort Myers High School.

Again this year selected members of the Red Knight chorus traveled to Miami to participate in the Miami Honor Choir. This organization honored the finest young singers and musicians in the state. Nominations were made by nominating committees at high schools across the country.

During Christmas season, the North Fort Myers chorus held a performance called the Christmas Cantata on December 13, at 8:00 p.m. This celebration was held at the North Fort Myers Methodist Church on Pondella Road. The theme for the 1984-85 Christmas Cantata was "Night of Miracles" by *John Peterson.*

The North High Corhus' activities continued during the second half the year as selected members of the Red Knight chorus attended the Lee County Festival to take part in the Lee County Honor Choir.

Each year the chorus officers were selected by *Mrs. Niver* and members of the chorus. The 1984-85 officers were; President — *Deborah Casey,* Vice-President — *Tyrone Jones,* Corresponding Secretary — *Sandy Rice,* Recording Secretary — *Sandy Beigh,* and Treasurer — *Lisa Morrison.*

This talented group of young men and women performed with the spirit and pride traditional of the North Fort Myers Red Knights. Their concerts, singing telegrams, and numerous performances during the lunch hour gave class and sophistication to the Silver Anniversary of the Red Knights.

The 1984-85 Drama students from left to right: front row: Sean MacDonald, Sharon Brockway, Jeanette Curington, Julie Colmer, Anita Hernandez, Tonjia High, Ricky Washington, Ron Pilz, Sandy Leach, Cinnamon Saltzman, Lori Trotter, Patty Burns, Toni Gray, Theresa Deming, Bobby Ura, Karen Casey, James Hall, Sandy Rice. Second row: Richard Welch, Geneva May, Nancy Vracar, Danielle Farnum, Wendy Walters, Don Landis, Shane Berry, Kelly Ludwig, Debbie Smith, Marcie Wierengo, Priscilla Tolbert, Lizette Patterson, Louise Daly, Deana Wiant, Donna Strayer, Stacie Nowacki, Meredith Ward, Mikkie Haggard. Third row: Derek Lykes, Mark Waldron, Tracy Hughett, Kelly McGuiness, Sharon Clark, Cathy Panio, Tina Spriggs, Keli Reed, Carol Petry, Febra Scudder, Bobbie Hall, Sam Holloway, Jody Morrison, Leanne Scudder, Leigh Thar, Lu Hurst, Hope Patterson, Christina Seivert, Gibby Byrd. Back row: Mende Hughes (publicity), Dana Berry (Vice-president), Lori Pastirik (President), Dawn Morrison (Secretary-Treasurer), Rob Pearce (publicity), Greg Williams, Caeser Collazo.

Painting the set for a drama production is member *Theresa Deming*.

Standing Room Only

"All the world's a stage" and over one hundred of North's students experienced the thrill of applause as they produced more of the superior quality theater North High Thespians have offered. Although North Fort Myers High School has no theater facility, North's talented drama students have always presented plays, talent shows, dinner shows, and musicals which are superior.

Under the supervision and direction of Thespian sponsor, *Andrea Jean Getzlaff*, drama students read and performed dramatic literature and participated in all production activities including set design, construction, and decorating, costuming, makeup, lighting, publicity, ticket sales, and stage management.

For the first time in North Fort Myers High School's twenty-five years, three drama classes, including a seventh period class, were taught. During the first semester of the 84-85 school year each of the three classes selected, produced, and performed its own play. First period class, composed of first year students, performed the hilarious spoof entitled *Hospital*. *Richard Welch*, as Dr. Jekyl, was whole-heartedly believable as the administrator of Bedside Manor Hospital which had as its motto "a joke a day is better than an apple a day." Looking for a slightly different play, the advanced drama students in second period chose *The Invisible Man* to produce. *Mende Hughes*, playing Linda, the "leader" of a group of college girls, encountered the invisible man, *Greg Williams*, and solved the mystery of the missing gold. The seventh period class preferred to produce *Hey, Teach!*, a delightful comedy about the young female teacher, played by *Carla Martin*, and the trials and tribulations she had in her first teaching assignment.

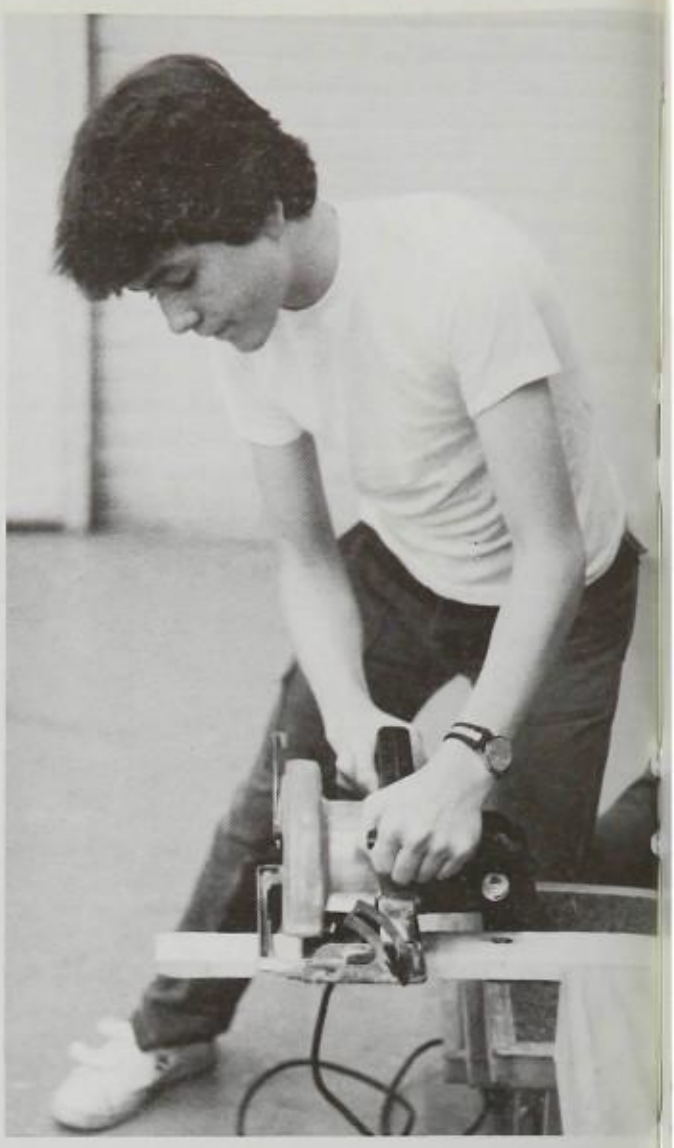
During the second semester, the seventh period class was the "performing" class which consisted of the entire cast of *West Side Story*. Each student in the class perfected the talents of singing and dancing as they performed *Leonard Bernstein's* music and *Stephen Sandheim's* lyrics in "America," "The Jet Song," "Gee, Officer Krupke," "Tonight," and "Maria." Consisting of forty students, the cast worked afternoons, evenings, and even some weekends to perfect their performances for the opening curtain on

Angry at the teacher for refusing to pass him, *Ricky Washington* chases *Carla Martin* as *Ed Sheridan* walks in.

Warming up and getting into character as a bum is *David Cook*.

Anticipating a full house, *Lori Pastirik* and *LeAnn Scudder*, patiently wait for the standing room only crowd.

Red Knight, *Ed Sheridan* creates the scenery for the upcoming play.



After a performance, *Anita Hernandez* gets congratulations from her mother.

Troupe 2519 International Thespian Society front row: Mende Hughes, Samantha Holloway, Sean MacDonald, Carol Petry, Febra Scudder, Lori Pastrik, Dawn Morrison, Rob Pearce. Back row: Dana Berry, Kelly Reed, Leigh Thar, Richard Welch, Nancy Vracar, Don Landis, Christina Severt, Gibby Byrd.

Wondering if she will escape the clutches of the murderer, *Mende Hughes* awaits her fate.

Standing Room Only

March 28th.

All three classes were involved with setting up the "stage" in North's gymnasium. Working with the drama students, were the orchestra students who accompanied many of the show's musical numbers. Over one hundred Red Knights from drama and music worked together to produce this excellent production of *Jerome Robbins' West Side Story*.

As in the past six years, North's drama students have worked toward initiation into the high school drama honorary, *The International Thespian Society*. Membership is by invitation once a student has earned ten points by working on dramatic productions. These ten points must be acquired in a combination of performance and production areas, e.g. set construction and minor acting roles. New initiates promise to uphold the aims and ideals of the *International Thespian Society* and community. For their membership fee they receive a certificate, membership card, and a subscription to "Dramatics" magazine.

Leading troup 2519 for her second consecutive year was *Lori Pastirik*. Assisting her were vice-president — *Dana Berry*, secretary-treasurer — *Dawn Morrison*, and publicity officers *Mende Hughes* and *Rob Pearce*. Realizing that all work and no play could be hum-drum and boring, this year's officers planned the "Halloween II" dance and the "Third Annual Knights in Lights" talent show.

"A person doesn't get into drama merely to act. He enjoys working with other people. Everyone gets so close, like a family, when we do a show. It's a great feeling. In fact, there's a terrible let-down when the show is over. You really miss everyone and all the work. It's like something is missing from your life," says *Lori Pastirik*.

"My thespians have to be dedicated and want to excel," says sponsor Andrea Getzlaff. "They must be cooperative, compassionate, and always considerate of other people's feelings. That's the only way to have a good production, and Red Knights only offer quality performances."

As the Thespian motto says, "Act well your parts, therein all the honor lies." During this 25th Anniversary Year, North's Thespians once again acted well their parts.

Drama performers, *Robyn Maker, Nancy Vracar* and *Mende Hughes* act out a scene from *Invisible Man*.

Another Place, Another World

Three of the most fun-fileld organizations on North High's campus are the foreign language clubs. Sponsored by the respective foreign language teachers, the Spanish club, French club, and German club all planned numerous social, service, and educational activities during the past school year.

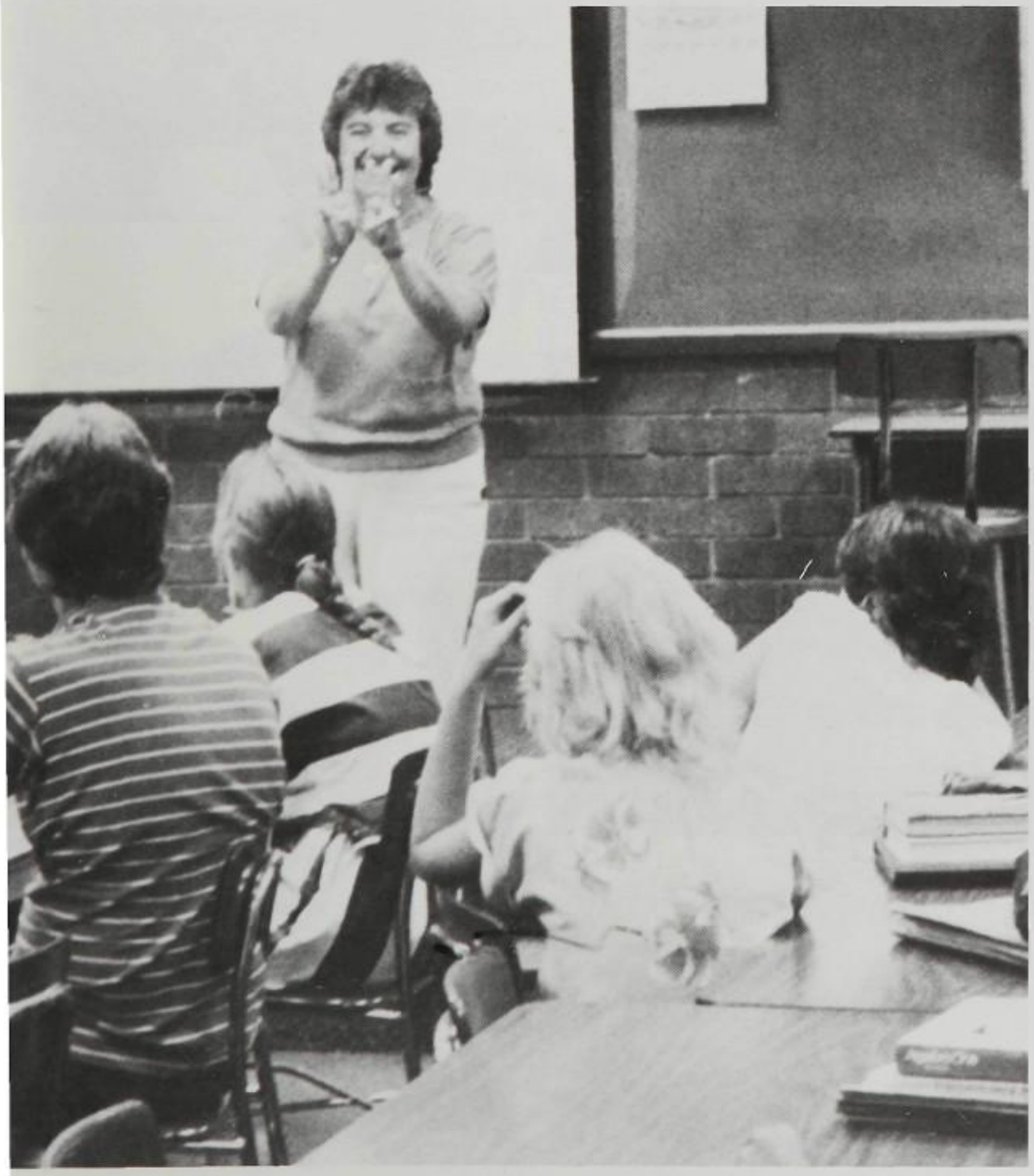
In order to afford these activities, the club members embarked on various fundraisers. Gummi Bear candies, Advent calendars, Tom Watts gift items, Christmas bells, and candy grams were just a few of the products sold to secure the funds needed by club members.

Perhaps the biggest event of the foreign language clubs was the annual International Dinner where all foreign language students joined for an evening of varied culture. For a record five years, this dinner has been coordinated by class and club members. Its success has not been equalled by any other Lee County High School. Over one hundred food selections were prepared by students and their families and were shared among the 136 invited guests.

Enjoying herself at the International Dinner, *Stephanie Paparesta* takes a bite to eat.

Spanish Club: Front Row — Sergeant at Arms Chris Beckos, Secretary Irit Hemed, Treasurer Yvonne Frey, Coordinator Rea Anne Coup, President Donna Wilson, Vice-President Stephanie Paparesta, Ms. Peg Flaherty Second Row — Leigh Ann Young, Michelle Young, Jenny Valella, Shannon Dukes, Melissa Wittwer, Isabel Scott, Lori Pecore Third Row — Neil Falk, L. A. Dewey, Rene Demo, Corey Deno, Karen Busbee, Christna Sievert, Kim Wooten, Hope Patterson, Jennifer Kight, Preston Finley, Lee Snyder, Mende Hughes, Jake Hemed, Jodie Davis, Shelley Bainter, Tracie Brinhall Back Row — Pam Eignor, Stephanie Dunn, Wes Underwood, Karen Jacquiss, Donna Bradley, Margie Mimms, Jeanette Dials, Laurie Dials, Vickie Malone

Spanish teacher, *Mrs. Tensy Gomez* catches her class's attention by using visual aids.

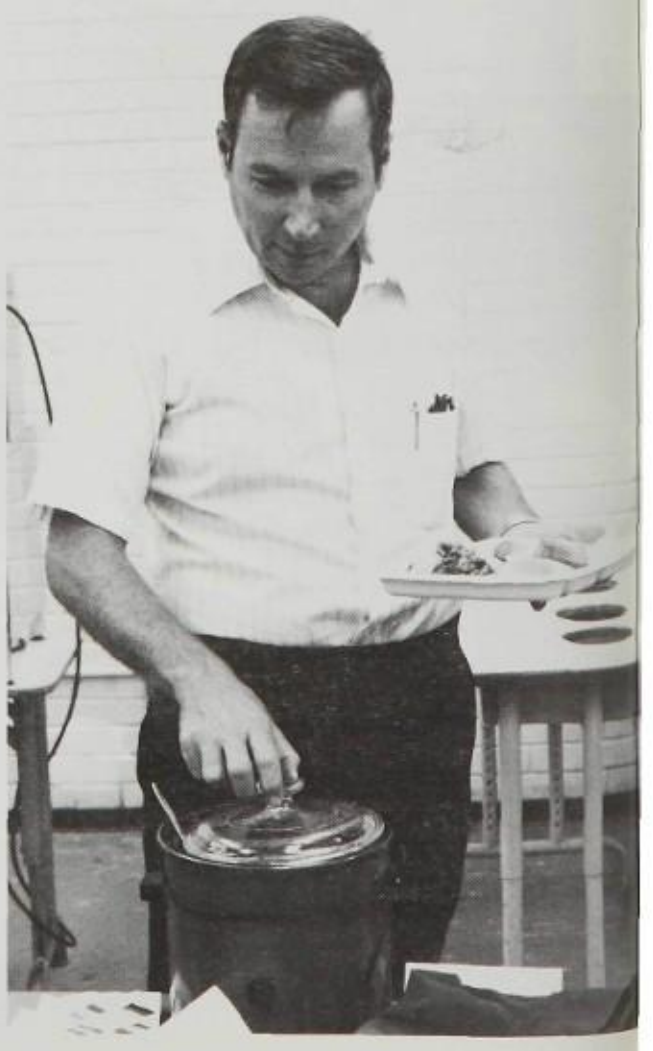


German Club: Front Row — Advisor Mrs. Linda Hissam, Kim Gannon, President Stephanie West, Vice-President Carla Townsend, Treasurer Todd Kirby, Secretary Pam Willard, Coordinator Cindy Esquivel, Rick Whitten, Tami Hauser Second Row — Ben Johnson, Alexander Gies, Trish Snider, Tracey Battle, Linda Goete, Theresa Owen, Jackie Burns, Libby Owens Third Row — Dawn Reich, Keith Johnson, Lisa Payne, Tina Honaker, Tom Kinney, Aaron Clark, David Vaughn Fourth Row — Jeff Kosavich, Chris Kosavich, Candy Johnson, Robert Garlichi, Dean Houdesheldt, Shane Lauber, Sean Riley Back Row — Ron Pilz, Robert Siller, Martha Pleil, James Cooke, Dale Maynard, Wendy Newingham, Greg Esquivel

"Seis," says *Mrs. Peg Flarhaty* to her Spanish class.

Participating in a fundraising project is *Shannon Dukes*

French Club: **Front Row** – Officers: Carrie Williams (President), Bret Meyers, (Vice President), Lori Trotter (Secretary), Dawn Merritt (Treasurer). **Second Row** – Susan Shepard, Carol Ellis, Sherry Norris, Terresa Thomas, Sandy Leach, Jennifer Easley, Cinnamon Saltzman, Tobey Ammons, Debbie Devito, Carolyn Williams, **Third Row** – Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Miller, Issac Brundage, Jania Smith, Kathy Childs, Heather Fields, Tammy Burden, Jill Bayliss, Leslie Bayliss, Donna Munchmore, Gabi Ponzio. **Fourth Row** – Colleen Gallager, Debbie Roberts, Cathrine Lewis, Brad Morrison, Jodie Davis, Jyll Rubinstien, Shannon McClure, Louann Drouin, Jessica Rudd, Paulette Johnson, Anna Lisa Wiklund. **Fifth Row** – Susan Herber, Lisa Tvrkdik, Rene Robinson, Karen Ross, Marcey Wierengo, Michelle Dahrs, Kristie Moore, Alan Van Ryckeghem, Ali McNeil, Victor Gentile. **Sixth Row** – Dawn Siford, Robby Krampen, Jari Philson, Chris Reeves, Sean Bacon, Randy Whidden, Jennifer Lynn, Allen Combs, John Yeomans, John Stephens, Rick Van Ryckeghem, Billy Bowen, Gary Willoughby.



Among the many enjoying the different dishes is Principal *Mr. Edmund Stickles.*

During the International Dinner, parents and teachers help themselves to the various delicacies.

Red Knight *Carla Townsend* sells Gummi Bears and calendars for the German Club.

Another Place, Another World

Complementing the bill of fare was entertainment supplied by the students in the French, Spanish, and German clubs. These skits were made up and presented in the corresonding foreign languages. Songs were sung in German, French, and Spanish.

The food tasted great and, as the stage curtain opened, the excitement became unbearable. The skits were hilarious and as people settled back in their seats after helping themselves to seconds and thirds, the rest of the crowd was busy cleaning their plates.

In addition to this spectacular event, foreign language club members worked intensely all year to acquire the points needed to go on their trip. This year they ventured to Busch Gardens for three days of terrific fun in the month of May.

As always, this year's foreign language club members kept busy with their activities and helped to make our Silver Anniversary celebration a huge success.

N.H.S. Front Row — Irit Hemed, Angela Morrison, Catherine Lewis, Michelle Young Second Row — Yvonne Freu, Sponsor Mrs. Carol Pim, Vice-President Connie Burke, Treasurer Tracy Jordan, President Chris Beckos, Secretary Kathy Kuhs, Stephanie Paparesta, Carla Townsend Back Row — Advisor Mr. Walter Skiff, Jamie Black, Anita Anuszewski, Laura Thomas, Paulette Johnson, ReaAnne Coup, Brad Morrison, John Mueller, Christy Reinhold, Mike Mann, Susan Kline, Laura Coleman

Celebrating the honor of being a member of NHS are *Chris Beckos* and *Yvonne Frey*.

Above and Beyond Average

Excellence and scholarship — main ingredients to a Red Knight's success! The academic achievements of the students of North Fort Myers High School have always been recognized. Three honorary organizations on campus have been responsible for promoting academic superiority and for recognizing those Red Knights who have achieved academic excellence. These groups were NHS (National Honor Society), FAP (Freshman Achievement Program) and SAP (Sophomore Achievement Program).

North High's chapter of the National Honor Society was sponsored by Mrs. Carol Pim and Mr. Walt Skiff. In order to qualify for "tapping", a student needed a 3.5 grade point average and be active in Red Knight activities. Qualified students were subjected to a screening committee of five faculty members before they could be accepted to the society. The "tapping" ceremony was held early one fall morning and then a few evenings later, the formal candlelight initiation ceremony was presented before friends and family of the new inductees.

The 1984-85 officers were: President — Chris Beckos, Vice-President — Connie Burke, Secretary — Kathy Kuhs, and Treasurer — Tracy Jordan. These officers led the group of twenty-five scholarly Red Knights who engaged in several service projects, such as the giving of Thanksgiving baskets to needy families, giving toys to the Salvation Army at Christmas, and ushering at the 1985 Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies.

Although only juniors and seniors may be inducted into National Honor Society, the underclassmen were not overlooked by Red Knight faculty and staff. Two other honorary organizations were set up a few years ago to recognize ninth and tenth grade scholars. The Freshman Achievement Program, headed by Mr. Bob Curry, the Sophomore Achievement Program, headed by Mrs. Suzanne Jager and Mrs. Shirley Gebhard, promoted academic excellence on the underclassman level. The 3.5 grade point average was a criteria for invitation to these honoraries also, but that was not the only one. Like NHS, FAP, and SAP required leadership abilities, outstanding character, involvement in Red Knight activities, and service to North High School and the community.

Membership into NHS, FAP, and SAP was definitely an "honor" for Red Knights, but it was more than that. It was also an obligation — an obligation to maintain one's own scholastic standing and to encourage academic excellence among all Red Knights. These honor students have always served as "role models" for our student body. In the tradition of our Red Knight family, these students displayed outstanding scholarship while being terrific leaders of impeccable character — one more reason we had to celebrate North's Silver Anniversary.

Giving a brief speech, president *Chris Beckos* advisor *Mrs. Carol Pim* talk to the newest members.

NHS and Key Club sponsors *Mrs. Carol Pim* and *Mr. Dan Marsh* collect cans for the needy.

SAP: Front Row — Jeanean Davis, Elizabeth Abersold, Jane Bemben, Cindy Holland, Steven Hassenzahl, John Russo, Jeff Earhart, Colleen Gallagher, Steve Lee, Nick Inbody, Jeff Gully. Second Row — Anna Lisa Wiklund, Allan Van Ryckeghem, James Diggs, Reggie Dixon, Ron Harris, Pat Collins, Jack Lee, Mike Hettinger, Preston Finley, Chris Fisher. Back Row — Julie Thomas, June Bemben, Jack Bisson, Gary Willoughby, Sean Holbrook, Scott Kiernan, Janele Crawford, Laura Filkill, Renee Deno, Danny Ruth.

Putting together the Gazebo are *Michelle Core* and *Beth Gurnham*.

Interact: **Front Row** – Secretary Angela Morrison, Vice President Cindy Weber, President Beth Gurnham, Treasurer Jackie White **Second Row** – Kim Culver, Michelle Core, Kathy Piirnain, Tiffany Castle **Back Row** – Jenny Valella, Christy Ratliff, Penny Hefner, Cindy Gluck, Catherine Lewis, Debbie Roberts, Jyll Rubinstein.

Gathering for a meeting, members of FCA plan ahead.

Actively Serving the Community

Serving the school and community today while learning and planning for tomorrow, were the main goals of two dedicated groups at North Fort Myers High School. These groups, Interact and Key Club, did their best to help make the community a better place in which to live. Both were sponsored by community organizations. The Key Club was sponsored by the Fort Myers Edison Kiwanis Club and Interact was sponsored by North Fort Myers Rotary. Both trained their members to care and to serve.

The Key Club has been an active organization at North for twenty years. It is a world-wide organization in over fourteen countries on the North American Continent and in the Carribean. Throughout December, members were busy with fund-raising projects such as selling Christmas trees at their lot on Hancock Bridge Parkway. Among other Key Club activities were road blocks, participating in telethons, visiting Lee County Convalescent Center, charity drives, sponsoring a teacher appreciation banquet, and distributing candy to children at Lee Memorial Hospital at Halloween. These activities kept members busy throughout the year. They developed leadership abilities and built personal integrity. The Key Club officers for the 1984-85 were; President — *Chris Spurlin*
Dials, Secretary — *Jeff Koehn,* and Treasurer — *Walter Cole.*

The 1984-85 Interact Club was small, but nevertheless, a very active club also at North High. The officers were President — *Beth Gurnham,* Vice President — *Cindy* Weber, Secretary — *Angela Morrison,* and Treasurer — *Jackie White. Officers and club* members worked hard with advisor-faculty member, Stephen Frank and Rotarian — *John Mina.* Interact fundraisers included selling carnations for Valentine's Day. Members attended Rotary Club breakfasts every Thursday to meet and learn more about the community members and what Rotary was involved in. They also sponsored twenty-five underpriviledged children in Fort Myers.

Vice President of Christian Athletes was also an active group at North High. These devoted Red Knights relished ministering to the needs of their school as well as their community.

Former Red Knight *Kathy Prickett* examines a tree *Alan Van Ryckeghem* is selling at the Key Club Christmas tree lot.

Discussing a business ad with a local merchant, *Joe Valerino* quotes rates.

Statistics from a *Knight Life* student survey are compiled by *David Whidden*.

Advisor *Allen Caraway* checks layout sheets with *Dennis Evans* and *Renee Robinson*.

Hot Off the Press

Red Knights eagerly awaited the distribution of North Fort Myers High School's monthly newspaper "Knight Life." This award-winning publication was printed free for our Red Knight family.

Faculty advisor/teacher of "Knight Life" was *Mr. Allen Caraway*. His journalism II class of approximately twenty-five students made up the newspaper staff. The primary criteria for editor and staffers was dependability. Each person had to display leadership and responsibility in order for the paper to be published nine times during the school year. Every week, class members were required to write one story and also sell one ad apiece for each issue.

In order for "Knight Life" to be offered free to students and faculty, advertising space had to be sold to pay publication expenses. North High clubs and organizations supported the efforts of the "Knight Life" staff by purchasing ads in each issue. Every month between sixteen hundred and seventeen hundred issues were printed to advise the Red Knight community of major events and varied opinions of North High staff and students. In addition to the nine regular issues, a special freshman edition was printed annually to acquaint incoming freshmen with our school.

The "Knight Life" staff was responsible for securing the information and writing it in proper journalistic style. They took their jobs seriously and realized their responsibility to the school and community. They adhered to a strict code of ethics in the printing of material and strove to report accurately and without bias.

North High's newspaper consisted of up-to-date news items, feature stories of the present and future, sports items, individuals' opinions and objectives, and advertising. Centering around Red Knight news and interests, the paper presented relevant and timely data and information for our school and community. Many published articles produced positive action because of the opinions and suggestions offered in those stories from students, faculty, and members of the community.

The basic format of "Knight Life" has not changed much over the years. "We have become more organized than we used to be. Now we don't wait for staffers to bring in the stories, we assign them so that we know exactly what will be covered in each issue," related Editor-in-Chief, *David Milliron*.

Students who excelled in journalism were recognized for their efforts by induction in the North High chapter of Quill and Scroll. In order to be invited to be a member of this journalism honorary, students had to work on the newspaper, literary magazine, or yearbook and be at least a sophomore with a 3.5 grade point average. They had to be recommended by a journalism teacher or English department head and then they went through a formal, candlelight initiation ceremony.

North Fort Myers High School's "Knight Life" was another reason for Red Knights to proudly celebrate their Silver Anniversary.

Trying to meet his deadline, *John Russo* types his copy.

Knight Life Staff: **Front Row** – Becky Cuzzort, John Russo, Joe Valentino, Advisor Mr. Allen Caraway, Greg Gibson, Richelle Hunter, Stacey Sheffler, Jeff Koehn, Mike Melvin. **Back Row** – Fara Belt, Michelle Mease, David Whidden, Kim Carter, Lisa Holland, Renee Robinson, Maria Kapein, Jyll Rubinstein, Allen Combs, Christina Winnette.

Counting ballots for Homecoming were *Lori Dials, Jeanette Dials* and *Mr. Dave Giampallo.*

SGA members help filling helium in balloons during a football game.

Serving and Improving North

What do YAC, SAC, and SGA have in common besides the fact they are all three-letter abbreviations for North Fort Myers High School organizations? All three have provided services to North's Red Knight family during the past years. These groups helped with pep rallies, homecomings, proms, and sports events, in addition to assisting with the improvement of North's campus.

Consisting of twenty-five members, the Student Advisory Council, formed by invitation only, met during activity period each month. Made up of all the different types of cultural groups on campus, the club's main purpose was to continue harmony and understanding among all the racial and cultural groups. SAC took on the task of acquainting new students to the Red Knight campus and getting them involved in the school's activities. *Bobbie Dewey*, SAC faculty advisor, led the organization and sponsorship of homeroom basketball and volleyball tournaments. "SAC is made up of all the different types of cultural and semi-cultural groups around campus. It gives all students a chance to voice their opinions and concerns on various topics that occur at school," commented Mrs. Dewey.

With approximately forty-five students, Mrs. Liz Culleton and Mrs. Bertha Toivenen, the YAC (Youth Advisory Council) was more active this year than any other year in its existence. This was in part because the organization had "more students and greater enthusiasm," commented Mrs. Culleton. Communicating the message of good nutrition to other students and the entire community was the goal of YAC. The only requirement for membership was that the student be interested in good nutrition and have the desire to educate others about proper nutrition.

Assisting *Arlisa Powell* with her soup is *Gearald Leaphart*.

YAC: Front Row — Vikki Boss, Annie Bostic, Jennifer Sheets, Penola Tarver, Denise Lewis, Shavon Curry, Carolyn Johnson, Cynthia Bellamy, Dionne Cody, Tarsha Jackson, Jennifer James, Genises Black, Patice Mann. Second Row — Bertha Toivinen, Fred Colazzo, Rosslin Bass, Melody Trimm, Sharon Lias, Tracey Smith, Arlanda Barnes, Karen Green, Wendy Tryon, Dawn Morrison, Tarsha Bellamy, Lashawn Middlebrook, Ginger Roberts, James Hall, Sponsor Liz Culleton. Back Row — Angela Gainer, Michael Graham, Gerald Leaphart, Terri White, Rodney Harris, Tracy Matson, Annette Dorten, Pricilla Talbert, General Lee, Vivian High Smith, Kirk Rice, Anita Hernandez.

S.A.C.: Front Row — Lisa Whyrte, Bobie Hall, Dena Barnes. Second Row — Melerta Wilson, Edwin Carter, Ronnie Pilz, Sponsor Bobbie Dewey, Cindie Esquivel, Sharoyn Harris, Tracy Battle. Back Row — Boscoe Thurman, Vircel Williams, Norma Guitrierez, Jame Diggs.

Making cookies during class, *Tamie Nelson* carefully removes them to cool.

1984-85 SGA: Front Row — Carol Perry, Febra Scudder, Lori Pastirik, Toni Grey, Mendy Gregory, Beth Gurnham, Tracy Jordan, Jim Nowocin, Kathy Kuhs. Second Row — Toby Ammons, Tammy Nelson. Back Row — Kallyn Harmon, President, Jeanette Dials, V. President, Lori Dials, Secretary, Glenn Bitter, Treasurer.

With the help of a future *Red Knight, Jeanette Dials* fills balloons during Homecoming week.

Passing out awards for the best float are *Mrs. Bobbie Dewey, Mrs. Liz Culleton,* and *Angela Gainer.*

Learning the techniques of making a cake are Mary Ellen Paris and *Stacy Manua.*

Serving and Improving North High

One of the ways our YAC members accomplished their goal of communicating good nutrition to the community was by visiting other schools and giving an informative, entertaining presentation to encourage them to daily provide their bodies with adequate nutrients. Other yearly projects by YAC were the "Lucky Luncher," whereby one of our Red Knights was the winner of a free lunch, and the post-football kick off dance.

SGA (Student Government Association) was open to all North High Students. Faculty sponsors *Mr. Dave Giompalo* and President *Kallyn Harmon* led this year's organization which planned the best Homecoming in twenty-five years. More people showed up for the Red Knight victory over the Seahawks than had for any game. This year, another first, the Homecoming Dance was held on the North High campus. Hundreds of beautifully dressed couples arrived on campus in the early evening of November 10, 1984. As they walked over the almost fairy-tale bridge into the Kingdom of the Silver Knight, they never even recognized the familiar setting of the North High cafetorium. The skillful planning and decorating by SGA members most definitely created "A Knight to Remember."

Serving her second year as SGA President, *Kallyn Harmon* said, "This year we tried a new concept by requesting that each homeroom select one representative for SGA membership. That way, we had a better cross-section of the student body." This new idea was successful as the group went on to plan Spring Fling and run all the class officer elections.

Without the activities of North High's three service organizations — YAC, SAC, and SGA — Red Knights would not have been able to celebrate such a terrific Silver Anniversary. It was the efforts of the sponsors and members of these groups who planned and carried out the Red Knight activities for 1984-85.

Future Farmer *Missy Rowan* checks out this years tomato crops.

FFA: First Row: Greg Collier — President, Jim Hepp — Vice President, Tami Miller — Secretary, Amy Pulsifer — Treasurer, Michele McNeill — Reporter, Missy Rowan — Sentinel, Dawn Matson — Chaplain. Second Row: Tina Ogdon, James Holland, Donald Pickett, Benny Kirkland, Lee Pohle, Clayton Dearstyne, Mike Brown, Linda Smith, David Kuser, Sue Hobson, David Mann, Mike Westra, Mike Tyndall, Nancy Ward. Third Row: Larry Barber, Tom Follendore, Chris Summerall, L. A. Dewey, Mary Paris, Mandy John, Patty Cooker, Rene Marsh, Bob Stewart, Richie Chastain, Red Jones, Bill Spears. Fourth Row: Tim Burnham, Tom Roof, Dale Austerman, Chad Atchison, Dale Crawford, Roger Weng, Kevin Snyder, Donna Gnohmeir, Julie Barber, Dale Caughey, Shad Dean, Scott Hall. Back Row: John Stump, Ellis Haynes, Dean Parker, Johnny Godwin, Randy Long, Brenda Mann, Alex Grant, Shannon Lee, Jimmy Cail, Aaron Durance, Cecil Albritton, Brian Field, Tom Weaver.

Red Knight *Staci Woodruff* takes a brief moment to see some of nature's beauties.

Making Better for the Future

As everyone entered North Fort Myers High for the beginning of the Silver Anniversary year, they were, of course, excited. For some, the most exciting part was enrolling in one of the three most popular organizations on campus.

While other clubs were just as important, the three most popular were: FFA (Future Farmers of America), FHA (Future Homemakers of America), and Horticulture Club.

FFA dealt with preparing students for agricultural and animal oriented professions. The club members were educated in the various areas of discipline and then they put to use their learned skills.

FFA officers for 1984-85 were: President — *Greg Collier,* Vice-president — *Jim Hepp,* Secretary — *Tami Miller,* Treasurer — *Amy Pulsifer,* Reporter — *Michele McNeill,* Sentinel — *Missy Rowan,* Chaplain — *Dawn Matson,* and the sponsor was Miss *Nancy Ward.*

Among the many contributions of this enthusiastic group was their making North's campus very attractive by the planting of numerous trees and plants. They also tried to build leadership, responsibility, and citizenship. This past year there were over 69 paid members in the club, all of whom had as their main goal to improve leadership and agricultural skills. They had several activities planned during the past school year, including hosting the District VIII and IX Leadership School and assisting the *Adam Walsh* Foundation by fingerprinting the youngsters at Good Shepherd School. FFA members held a UTS car wash and, again were active in various events at the Southwest Florida Fair in February. Several members worked in the livestock show.

The second of the popular clubs was FHA which was led by President — *John Fuentes,* Vice-president — *Judy Gill,* Secretary — *Connie Lee,* Treasurer — *Lynda Rudd,* Public Relations — *Sherry Ward,* Chaplain — *Michelle Selby,* Parliamentarian — *Karen Johnson,* and Historian — *Beverly Robinson.* The sponsors of the 1984-85 club were Ms. *Linda Wilson* and Mrs. *Deborah Stotz-Wilcox.*

The club boasted twenty-five members this year. Among their contributions was their annual project with the Lee County Convalescent Home. Each year since 1981 FHA members have visited the Home and adopted grandparents, taking them cards and gifts. At the end of the year the club awarded the Home with a gift. Other club activities included the Computer Match for Red Knight students and faculty. In January, members competed in the Proficiency Event Competition

Gathering leaves for many agricultural tests are *David Kuser, Mike Tyndall, Shannon Lee, Brenda Mann,* and *Amy Pulsifer.*

Red Knights *Missy Rowan* and *Lisa Oydon* check to see if this years tomatoes are ready for picking.

Making Better for the Future

The main goal of FFA was to help the youth assume their roles in society through the programs of education of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation, and community involvement.

Although merely three years old, the popular Horticulture Club had twenty-one proud members in the Silver Anniversary year. In order to join the club, one had to be enrolled in the nursery operations taught by Ms. *Nancy Ward*. The club was formed to help beautify North's campus grounds. In order to fund their projects, students sold cheese and sausage, and homecoming mums.

The two major projects of this year were the construction of shelters in the outdoor classroom and their field trip to the University of Florida, Department of Agriculture in Gainesville.

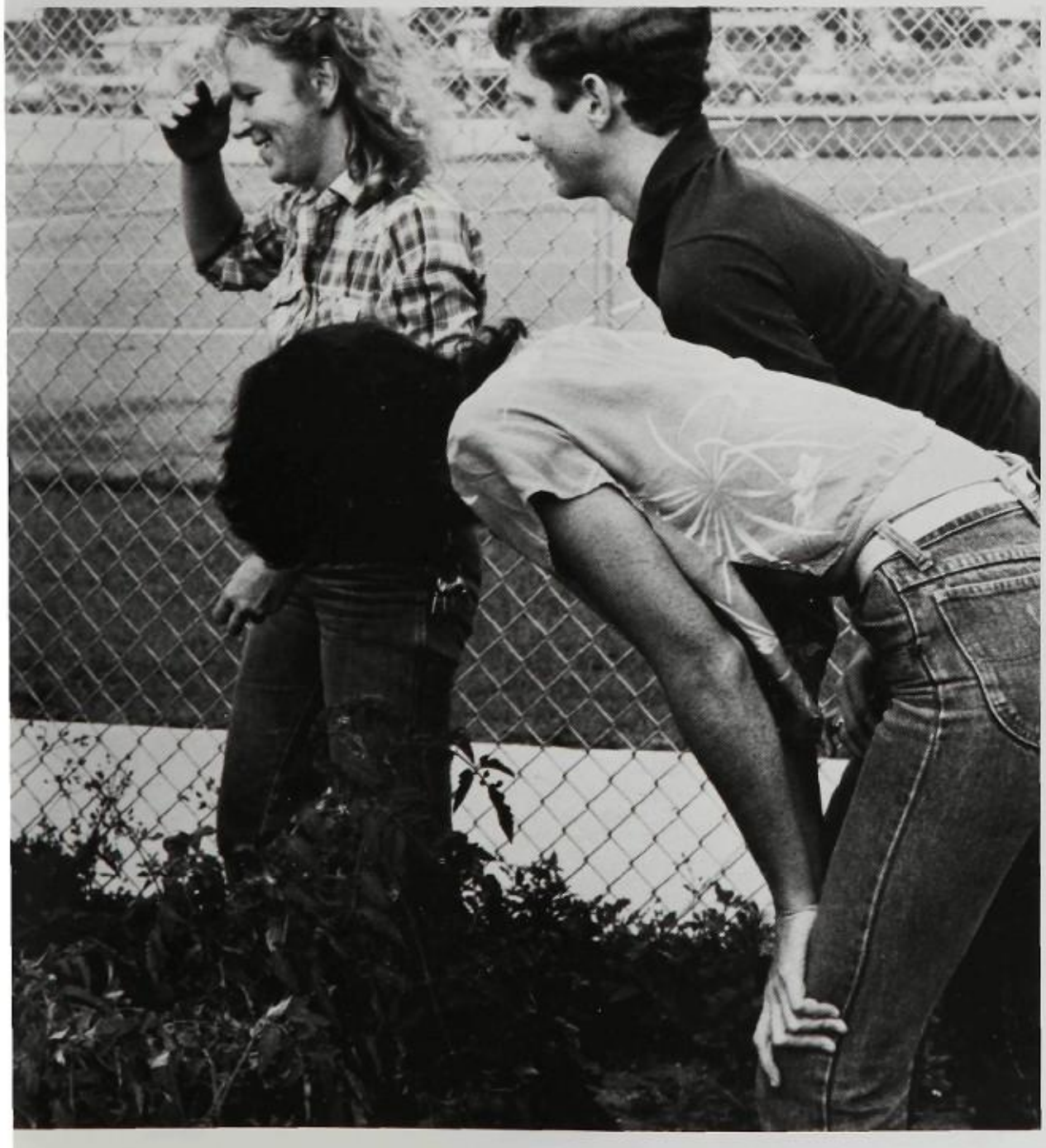
These three organizations demanded a great deal of time and effort from their members, but it was well worth it. Their services to the North Fort Myers High School and to the Red Knight community were highly appreciated. Their projects helped make our Silver Anniversary one worthy of celebrating.

Future Farmers *Jim Sanford, Billy Griffith, David Kuser,* and *Brenda Mann,* start the harvest for their field of tomatoes.

Horticulture: First Row: Tina Ogden, Missy Rowan, Mandy John. Second Row: Amy Pulsifer, Dawn Matson, Mike Brown, Shannon Lee, Billy Griffith, Brenda Mann. Third Row: Tami Miller, Linda Smith, James Hepp, Julie Barber, Dale Caughey, Greg Collier. Back Row: James Holland, David Kuser, Kevin Snyder, Shad Dean, James Sanford, Mike Tyndall.

Teacher *Nancy Ward* instructs *Mike Tyndall, Brenda Mann, David Kuser, Billy Griffith,* and *Jim Sanford* on the techniques of picking tomatoes.

FHA: First Row: Patty Burns, Jennifer Sellers, Tracy Brimhall, Christian Weatherington, Chris Roberts, Carla Palmer, Teresa Booth, Kirk Rice, Helen Fear, Penny Bishop, Susie Brunelle. Second Row: Carol Smith, Sandy Gurgol, Vicky Haller, Dennis Anderson, Lorreta Stimes, Paulet Jenkins, Toby Reed, Letisia Carrillo. Third Row: Linda Wilson, Beverly Robinson, Sherry Ward, John Fuentes, Judy Gill, Connie Lee, Linda Rudd, Michelle Shelby, Karen Johnson.



Instructor *Nancy Ward* takes a minute to think about farmers *Greg Collier* and *Brenda Mann's* suggestions.

CBE/FBLA member *Julie Cooper* initiates *Stacey Williams* into the club.

DCT: Front Row — Mark Flynn, Mike Westra, Andrew Griffin, Lana Flint, Vickie Helms, Jackie Schultrey, John Fuentes Second Row — Shad Dean, George Debolt, Mike Dunaway, Larry Brown, Matt Vanselow Back Row — Advisor Mr. Jack Bohannon, John Orsterum, Timmy Brown, Duane Miller

A Mary Kay representative demonstrates proper make-up technique for DECA members.

Red Knights *Laura Marsh, Kyna Lister, Paula Howze,* and *Elise Kman* are sworn in to CBE/FBLA by *Mr. Tom Pacl.*

The school bookstore is a great fundraiser for DECA.

"Hands-on" Experience

Three classes offered at North Fort Myers High School offered students "hands-on" experience by sending them out in the community to work in businesses. CBE (Cooperative Business Education), D.E. (Distributive Education), and DCT (Distributive Educational Training) were those three classes which attracted over seventy of North's students each year.

CBE was also affiliated with F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America) at the district, state, and national levels. This past year *Mr. Tom Pacl* was faculty instructor responsible for class assignments, finding students jobs and supervising them at their jobs, and advising students on various activities with school and their future business skills.

During the fall of '84, members of CBE and FBLA elected officers. These officers were elected for their leadership in the club and coverage of fund-raising throughout the year. Elected to lead for the 1984-85 school year were President *Julie Cooper,* Vice President *Sharlene Whidden,* Secretary *Jodi Johnson,* Historian *Kyna Lister,* Social Chairman *Paula Howze,* Point Chairman *Susan Lewsader,* and Avon Chairman *Terri Jo Kannus.*

CBE and FBLA participated in numerous fund-raising projects. Of course, they continued their annual Avon sales, and performed clerical work, including tpying for the vocal music department. Sponsoring the 1984 football banquet, the students also assisted with the decorating for the festivity. During the Thanksgiving holiday they collected food for people who were less fortunate as they. To celebrate the Silver Anniversary, FBLA and CBE made a homecoming float to represent every five years of North Fort Myers High School.

Daily and weekly personal improvement and grooming programs were a major focus of the class. As part of their physical awareness program, the students participated in aerobics. The monthly breakfast meetings at Perkins were highlighted by guest speakers from the business community.

Perhaps the biggest project for the students was the preparation for state competition which was held at the Sheraton Twin Towers in Orlando. The twenty-one students polished their business and communication skills to once again bring home honors. Culminating the year was the annual banquet. Joining the other four Lee County high schools at Cape Coral Country Club, our Red Knights prepared a marvelous slide show for the 200 people in attendance. "Our students have tremendous success after graduation due to the fact that they already became acquainted with the business world and know their way around it," related teacher *Mr. Tom Pacl.*

CBE/FBLA. **Front Row** – Kathy Childs, Heather Field, Stacy Williams. **Second Row** – Susan Kline, Stephanie Jiles, Christina Burden, Elise Kman, Jackie Arndt, Kenlyn Dowty. **Third Row** – Kyna Lister, Paula Howze, Terri Jo Kannus, Julie Cooper, Shalene Whidden, Jodi Johnson, Lori Millard, Susan Lewsader, Laura Marsh, Advisor Thomas Pacl.

Chris Burden learns to type a data sheet.

"Hands-on" Experience

DECA (Distributive Educational Club of America), the national organization of D.E. classes, was sponsored by *Mr. Marty Zolno* who taught his students leadership roles, marketing skills, and community involvement through activities on and off campus. Guest speakers presented highly and applicable material in workshops on personal health and beauty care. Selling calendars and key chains were just two fund-raising projects in which the class was involved. DECA members also participated in the school store's selling of school supplies. The symbol is the DECA diamond. The four points represent vocational understanding, leadership development, civic conscienciousness, and social intelligence. "Develop future leaders for marketing and distributing," proudly represents the DECA motto said *Mr. Zolno*. As a community phillanthropic project, the DECA Club collected money for the Adam Walsh Fund.

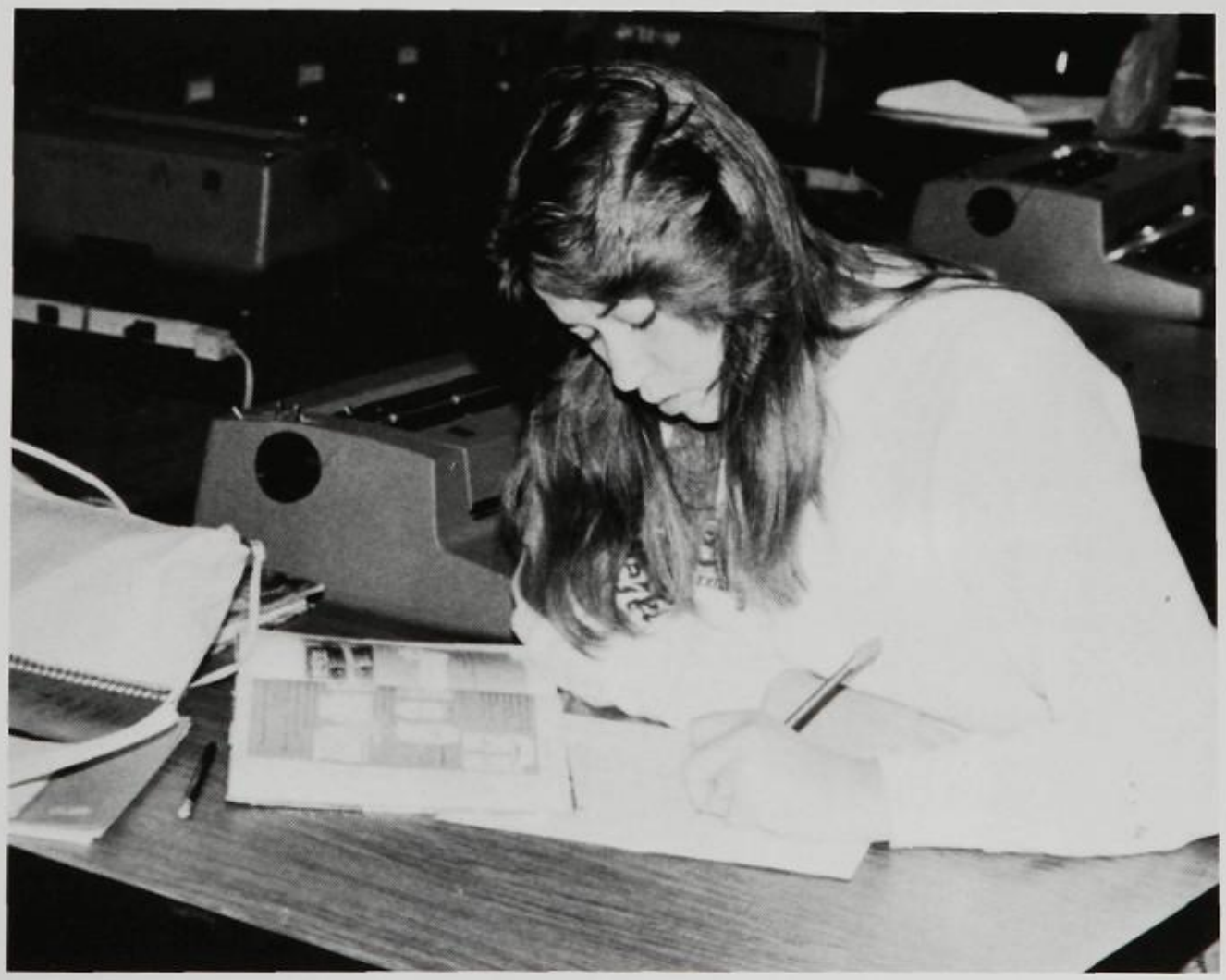
DECA officers for 1984-85 were President *Staci Ludwig*, Senior Vice President, *Vickie Cooley*, Junior Vice President *Cheryl Roberts*, Fashion Vice President *Terry Beckler*, Treasurer *Brian Magee*, *Secretary Lisa Hernandez*, Parliamentarian *Kerry Johnson*, and Chaplain *Kevin Williams*.

In fall of '84 the public was treated to a fashion show which the students coordinated. The class planned the program, designed the set, posters, and programs and selected the talent and wardrobes. Their work was rewarded by the audience's appreciative response.

D.C.T. students also were part-time students and part-time employees. Directing and supervising those in the program was *Mr. James Bohannon*. The goal of this organizaiton was to offer the students a chance to develop good working habits in jobs which would be similiar to those which they hoped to hold in their future careers. This work experience program was designed for students in any job except retailing or clerical. It offered the greatest variety due to its general nature. These students also had monthly breakfast meetings with employers from the community and their advisory council.

The three classes of CBE, D.E., and DCT offered many students the opportunity to become acquainted with the "real" world of employment and business. As the 84-85 school year ended, another group of Red Knights were ready to meet the challenges of the working society.

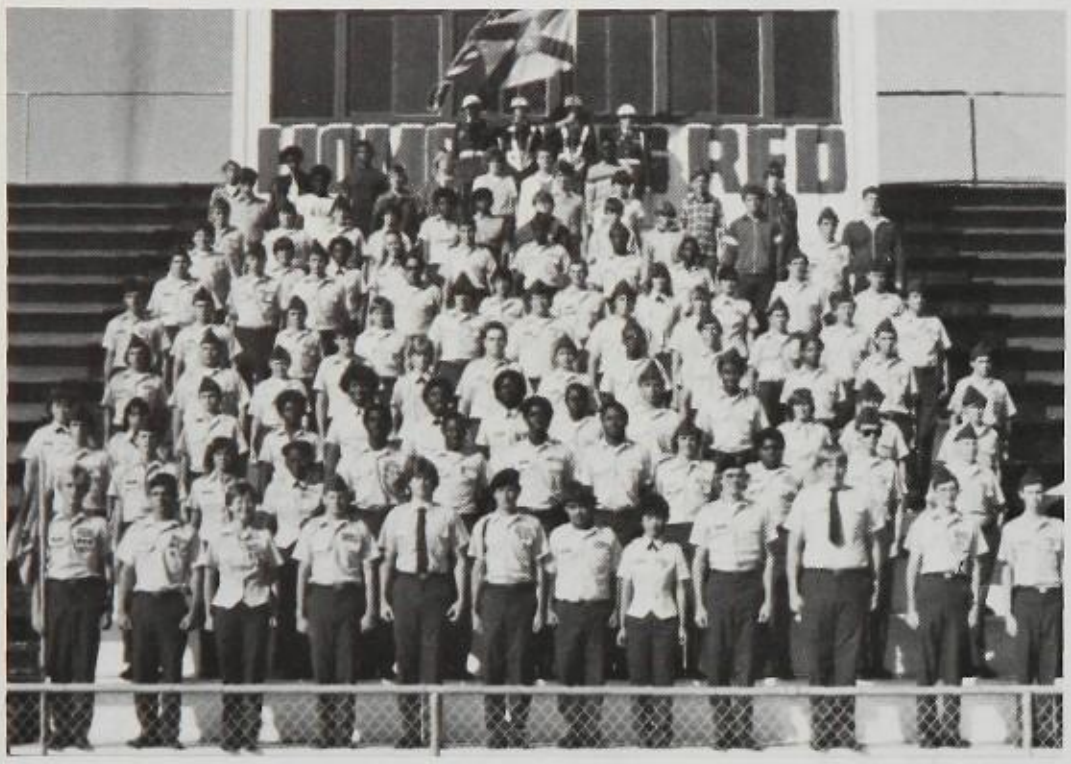
CBE/FBLA members *Terri Jo Kannus* tries to correct a mistake in her monthly balance.



Senior *Kyna Lister* completes an assignment from her CBE/FBLA book.

Red Knight *Lori Millard* works out figures in CBE/FBLA.

Guest speaker *Major Twenter* from Kemper Military College talks to ROTC students.



ROTC
Front Row — John Brady, Rodney Weng, Pam Brady, John Mueller, Steve Pare, Rick Dobson, Gene Williams, Che Se, Brian Aalto, Dale Maynard, Doug Gibson, David Smith. Second Row — Eric Baumer, Cory Turco, Nita Gonzalez, Lorenda Washinton, Derrick Jackson, Greg Williams, Nate Brand, Roscoe Thurman, Steve Del Vecchio, Jimmy Williams, Tim Brown, Stacy Linder. Third Row — Daniela Fletcher, Peggy Collis, John Nipper, Teresa Young, Siouniqua Jennings, Suzanne Brand, Malera Wilson, Roy Denson, General Lee, Issaac Haisley, Missy Haller, James Mathis. Fourth Row — Robert Kuehn, Aaron Durrance, James Harris, Mike Reed, Donna Estlund, Dean Houdesheldt, Mike Pavlus, Tyrone Davis, Mike Zilen, Lamar Bryson, James Brown, David Burruss. Fifth Row — Ernest Vickers, Jack McStravic, Tim Merritt, Robert Ura, Robert Trubiano, Shawn Riley, Dan Unwin, Lilley Lee, Craig Richards, James Jonas, Kyle Eignor. Sixth Row — Jerry Mathews, John McCurdy, Craig Selph, Jerry Negron, Bert Cool, Roger Weng, Michelle Hills, Matha Pfeil, Jamie Nein, Ellison Carter. Seventh Row — James Hagie, Shannon Rousey, Alicia Johnson, Bonnie Crooks, Scott Lee, Ron Jiles, Charles Wiliams, Chevonne Graham, Todd Brown. Row Eight — Sean Leverane, William Turbeville, Ronne Droa, Joy Whited, Tracey Massey, Mike Crilly, Brian Clemons, John Garson, Ellis Haynes, Gary Melvin. Ninth Row: Jim Lane, Cedric Holl, Kenneth Hill, Susan Horne, Edward Hatfield, Deric Kea, David Douglas, Doug Mathis. Tenth Row — Harry Hodgdon, Cassie Goosby, Mike Brooks, Dawn Mathewson, Betty Cole, Odie Sanders, James Edwards. Color Guard: Mark Aalto, James Cooke, Shannon Dunn, Tony Hawkins

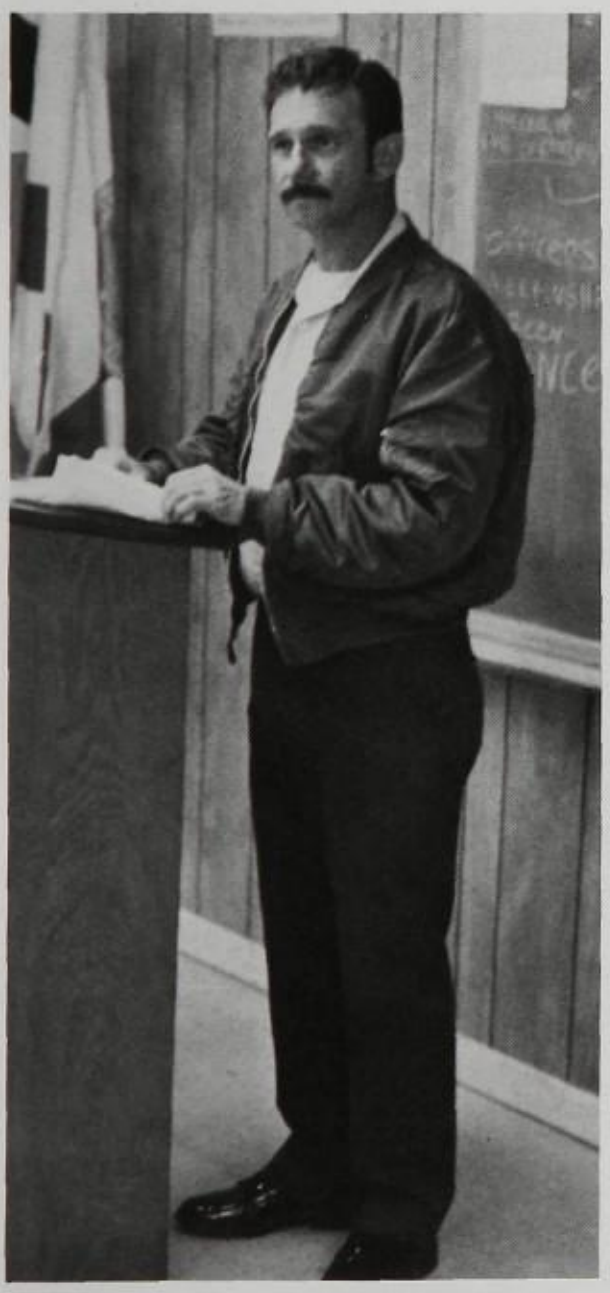
When inspecting class arms, *Shannon Dunn* and *Dean Houdesheldt* look for stability.

In Reserve for Tomorrow

Not everyone was interested in joining the armed services, but for over 200 students JROTC was a very important part of their daily scheduling. J.R.O.T.C. stands for Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, the number one JROTC in the nation.

Whether Red Knights were interested in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, each student began preparing himself for the future. Under experienced supervision of Sergeant First Class *James Scofield,* the fourth battalion almost tripled its enrollment in its six year existence. Outstanding leadership was provided by Battalion Commander First Lieutenant *Steve Pate* and Battalion Executive Officer *Rick Dobson.* Other Cadet Officers were Battalion Personnel Officer *Che Se,* Battalion Intelligence Officer *David Smith,* Battalion Training Officer *John Mueller,* Battalion Supply Officer *Andy May,* A Company Commander *Rodney Weng,* and B Company Commander *Eugene Williams.*

The JROTC program was set up to develop the cadets' skills to similar ones they would encounter in the Armed Services. Leadership, tolerance, respect, dependability, and enthusiasm were taught to each cadet. Within the United States, Lee County has had one of the best JROTC programs. The Lee County JROTC headquarters, Cypress Lake High School, has held the Federal Inspection of Troops every two years. During the inspection United States Army officers graded the Battalions and the Lee County Brigade in performance and appearance. During the Federal Inspection last year JROTC of Lee County was rated number one in the nation and was given a golden star. This star represented "Honor Unit with Distinction."



ROTC instructor *Sergeant James Scoffield* teaches his students how to read a map.

ROTC members are prepared for inspection and directions from their leading Sergeant.

In Reserve for Tomorrow

During the traditional Homecoming parade and the Edison Pageant of Light Parade, the JROTC marched down the road proudly displaying North High's superior quality. The Battalion also attended the dedication ceremonies for veterans in World War I and World War II. They also participated during all home football games.

The J.R.O.T.C. program offered fine training for cadets. Each cadet has the option to qualify with the rifles. The qualifications are "Expert," "Sharpshooter," and "Marksman." Each cadet must give a class five or more times to receive an Instructor's Badge. A few things the cadets learned were how to fold an American flag, the sizes of an American flag, and when to salute the flag. Another important factor cadets learned was cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation and drill ceremonies.

Every Monday and Wednesday an inspection was held for all the JROTC cadets. Their inspection was held for all JROTC cadets. Their inspection consisted of a neat uniform, shiny brass, and shiny shoes. Class was given every Tuesday and Thursday by their SAI (Senior Army Instructor). Fridays were known as P.T. when each cadet received physical training in sit ups, jumping jacks, and pushups. Drills first began in the colonial days of George Washington. Expert Baron Von Stueban taught the United States troops discipline and how to drill.

During spring a county-wide Military Ball was held. A King and Queen were chosen to represent each Battalion and to say farewell to their graduating comrades. Students that participated in JROTC helped prepare themselves for college, military schools, and academics. The experience each cadet learned in the classroom or on the drill field has helped future military personnel progress more rapidly.

ROTC Officers: Front Row — Che Se, Eugene Williams, John Mueller, Steve Pate, Richard Dobson, Dale Maynard, Pam Brady, David Smith, Greg Williams. Back Row — Jimmy Williams, Nathaniel Brand, Derrick Jackson, Roscoe Thurman, Mark Aalto, Rodney Weng, Doug Gibson.

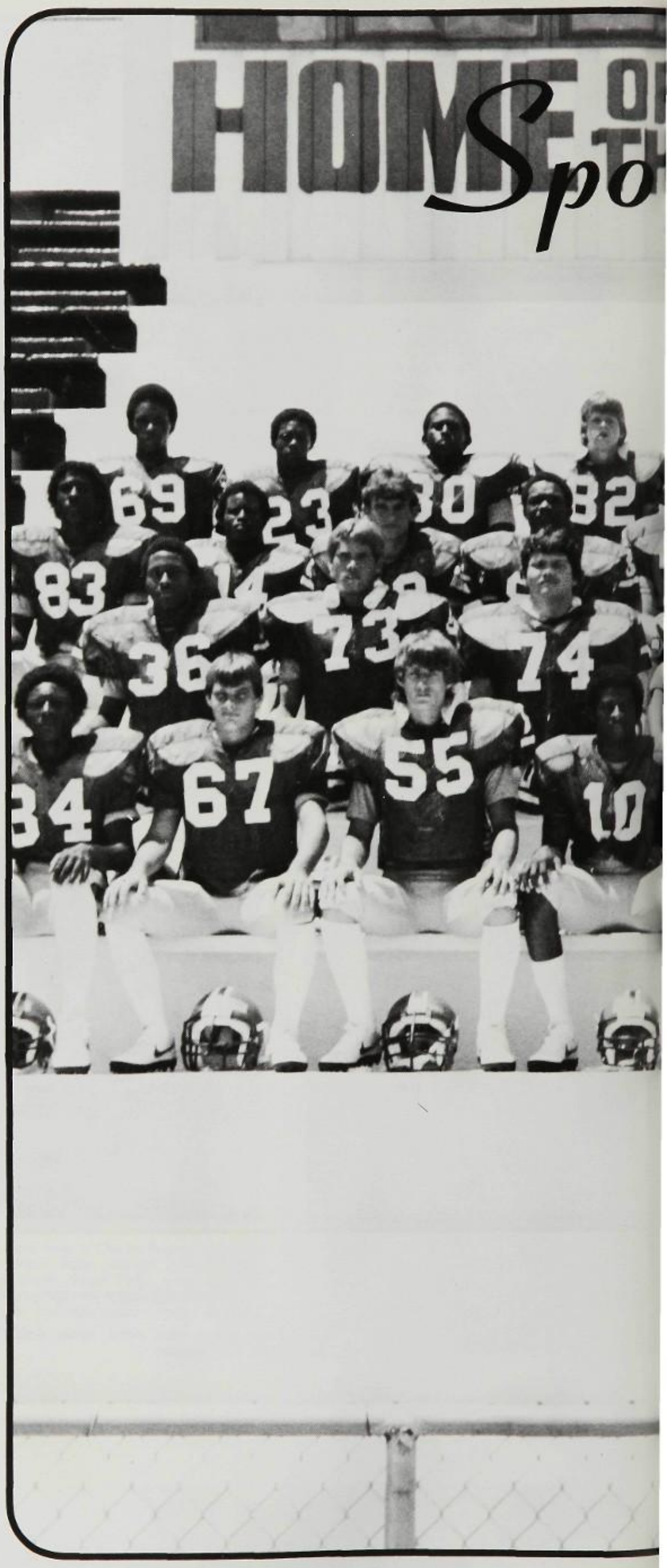
ROTC *Sergeant James Brown* makes a special stop to inspect *Martha Pleil.*

At attention, *Roger Weng* and *Craig Richards* are shown the correct way to hold their rifles by *Sergeant Scofield*.

Color Guard: Mark Aalto, James Cooke, Shannon Dunn, Tony Hawkins

Marching in formation, the ROTC leads the parade.

The *1984 Varsity Knights* had a successful year.



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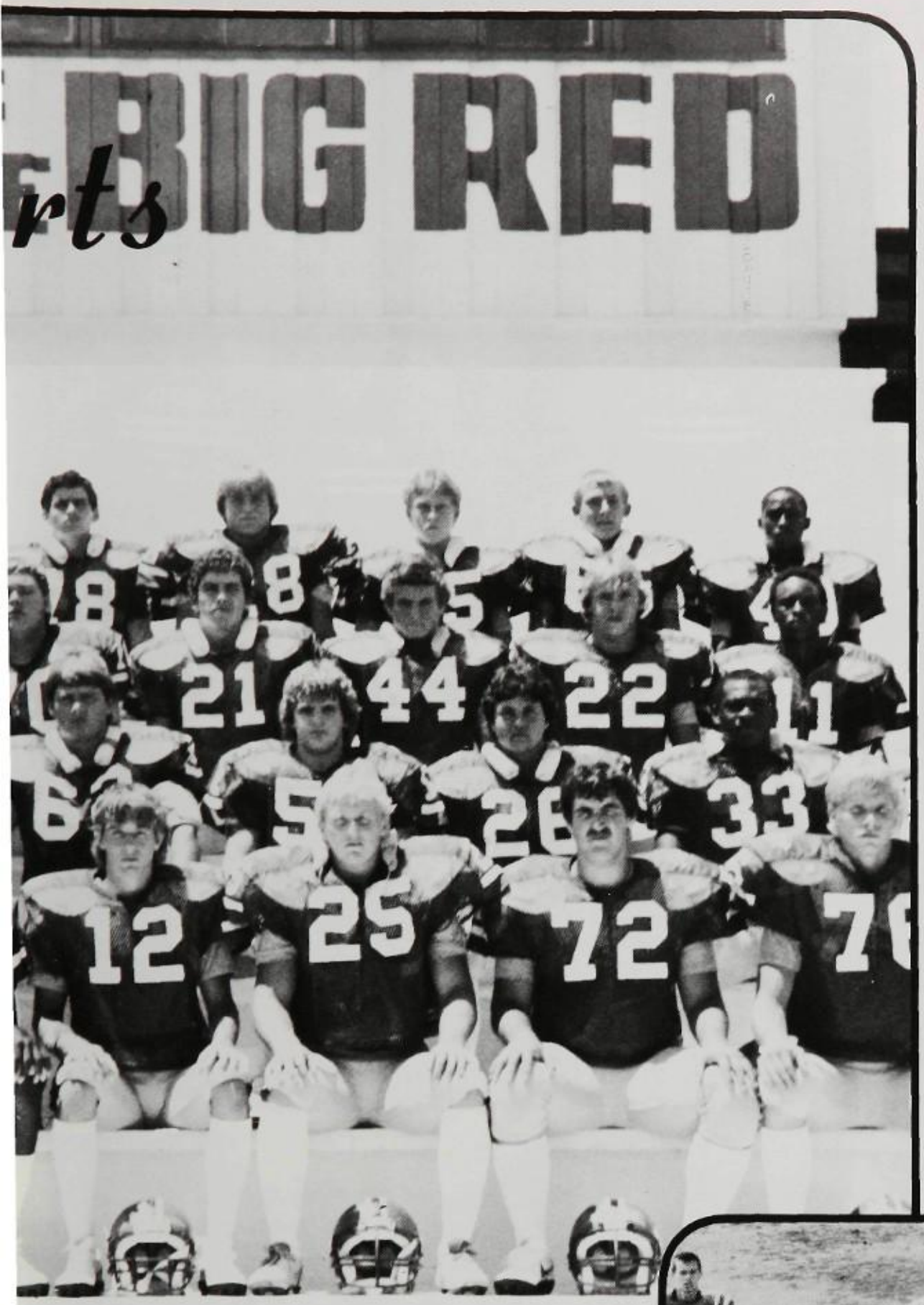

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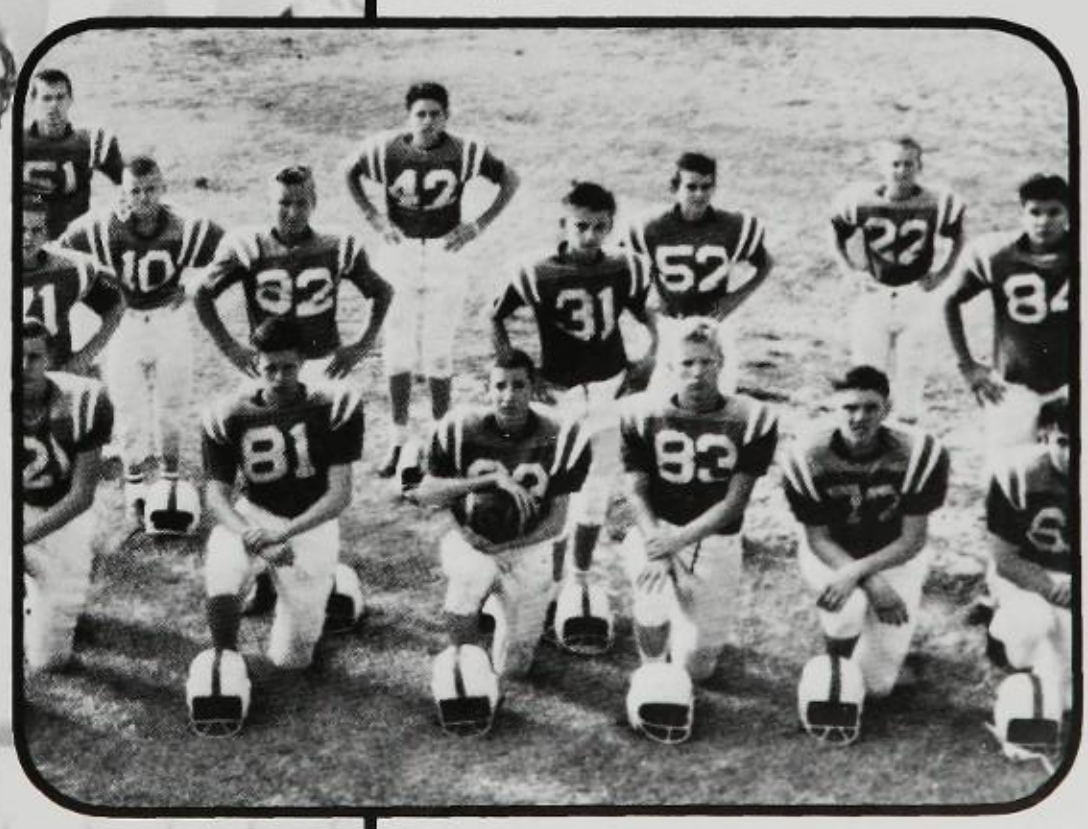
Participating in sports throughout one's high school years has left many irreplaceable memories.

Through the last twenty-five years North Fort Myers High School has prevailed number one in the eyes of the public. Being noticed around Lee County for our athletic program, Red Knight athletes established and upheld their status over their local competitors.

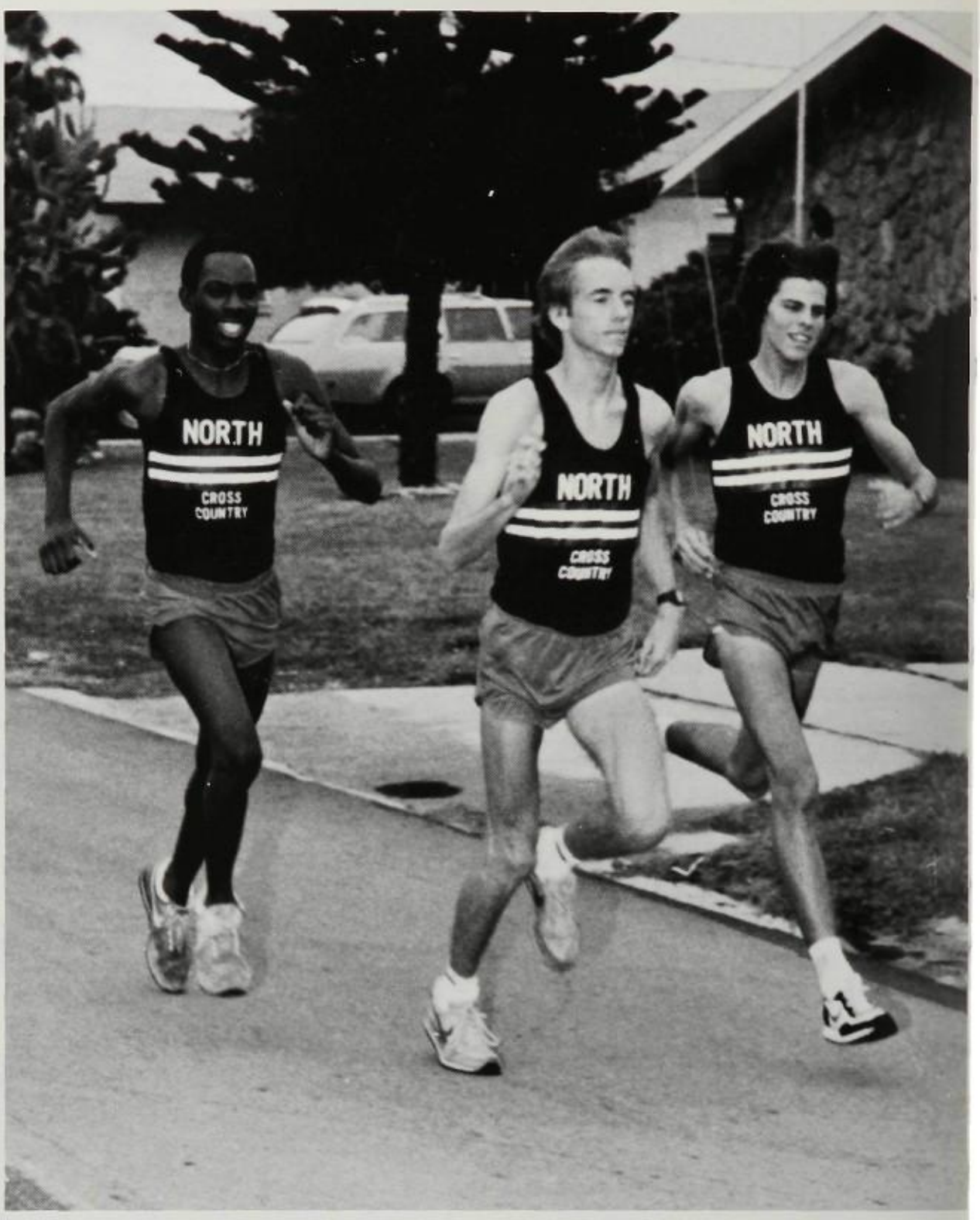
Although twenty-five years ago sports were only for male "jocks," over the years sports were organized for the "Lady Knights." 1984 was the first year the males and females were integrated on a team.

Both male and female athletes joined the Silver Anniversary Celebration by making North High shine throughout Lee County.

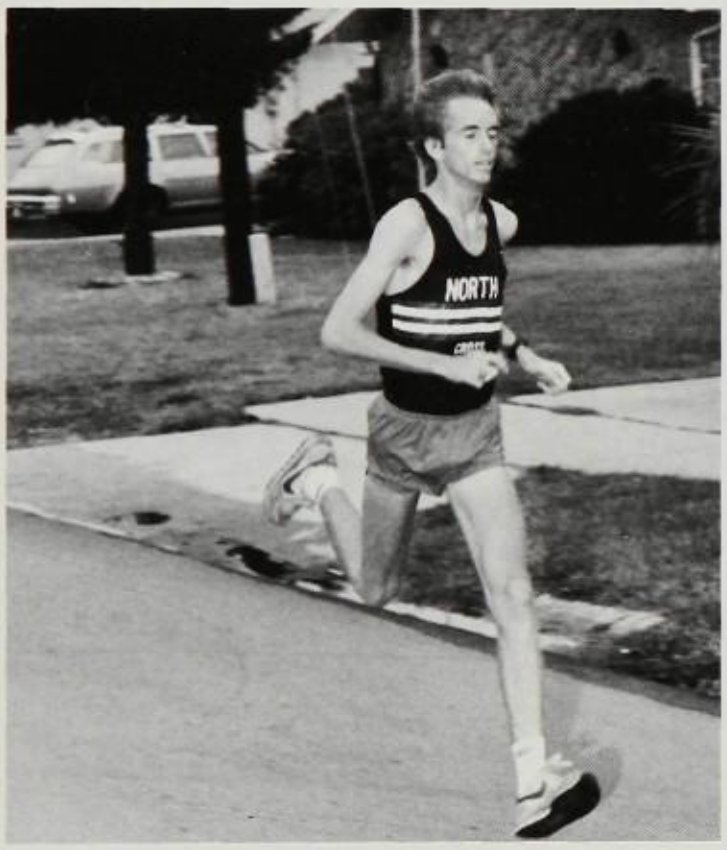


The 1963 team was small but mighty.

Struggling for first place are *Greg Williams, Tom Tisell,* and *Mark Dunaway.*



Concentrating on the last lap, *Tom Tisell* gives it all he has.



Striving for Victory

Boys and girls cross country teams are certainly not new to North Fort Myers High School. Present assistant principal, *Steve DeShazo* started the first cross country team in 1972 and inspired them to the Southern Conference Championship title with a 9-1 season.

The winning spirit has continued by boys' team coach *Terry Hall* and girls' team coach *Melody Halvick.* Once again, North High had set a precedence by having the first female cross country coach in Lee County.

Although small in numbers, both teams displayed admirable times and individual and team records in 1984. The boys finished the season 5-5. The "Lone Runner," *Tom Tissell* advanced to Regionals and to State, winning the State title in a time of 15:28. All North's boy runners were under twenty minutes. Most improved runners who dropped their time by six minutes or more were *John Brady, Greg Esquivel,* and *Mark Waldron. Greg Williams,* who joined the team later in the season, improved his time by two minutes, from 19:38 to 17:38. Also improving their times by three minutes were *Mark Dunaway* and *Jeff Gully.* Every team member set goals and strove daily to accomplish them.

Inspired by cooperation and determination, the Girls' Cross Country team also strove for improvement and record times. Senior *Sharon Harris* and sophomore *Colleen Gallagher* led the team which was composed of mostly freshmen. Although young in experience, the girls did an outstanding job to end with a season record of 6-4. Top freshman runners were Michelle Momson, Laurie Pecore, and *Jenny Moore.* Most improved runner of the season was senior *Candace Boring.* With this year's experience behind them, the girls' team has set sights for next year and an excellent season.

Both teams knew the joy of winning during the '84 season. At district, the boys finished eighth place, two teams away from going to regionals. The girls, on the other hand, took seventh place at regionals, three teams away from going to state.

With hard practices, a great deal of determination, and plenty of cooperation, the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams did an excellent job of finishing the 25th Anniversary season in style.

"I'm proud to have been a member of such a dedicated team," said *Colleen Gallagher.*

Tom Tisell, "We all worked together and enjoyed every minute."

1984 Cross Country

Girls		Boys
L	Port Charlotte	L
L	Venice	L
W	Barron Collier	L
W	Cypress Lake	L
W	Naples	W
W	Ft. Myers	L
W	Ft. Myers	W
L	Riverdale	W
L	Lely	W

Leading the pack around Hidden Acres, *Sharoyn Harris* draws near her final destiny.

1984-85 Cross Country: Front Row — Coach Terry Hall, Jenny Moore, Michelle Morrison, Candace Boring, Colleen Gallagher, Laurie Pecore, Sharoyn Harris, Coach Melody Halvick Back Row — James Bryant, Mark Dunaway, Tom Tisell, John Brady, Jeff Gully, Greg Esquivel, Mathew Evans, Mark Waldee, Greg Williams

Reaching out for their last burst of energy are *Coleen Gallagher* and *Sharoyn Harris.*

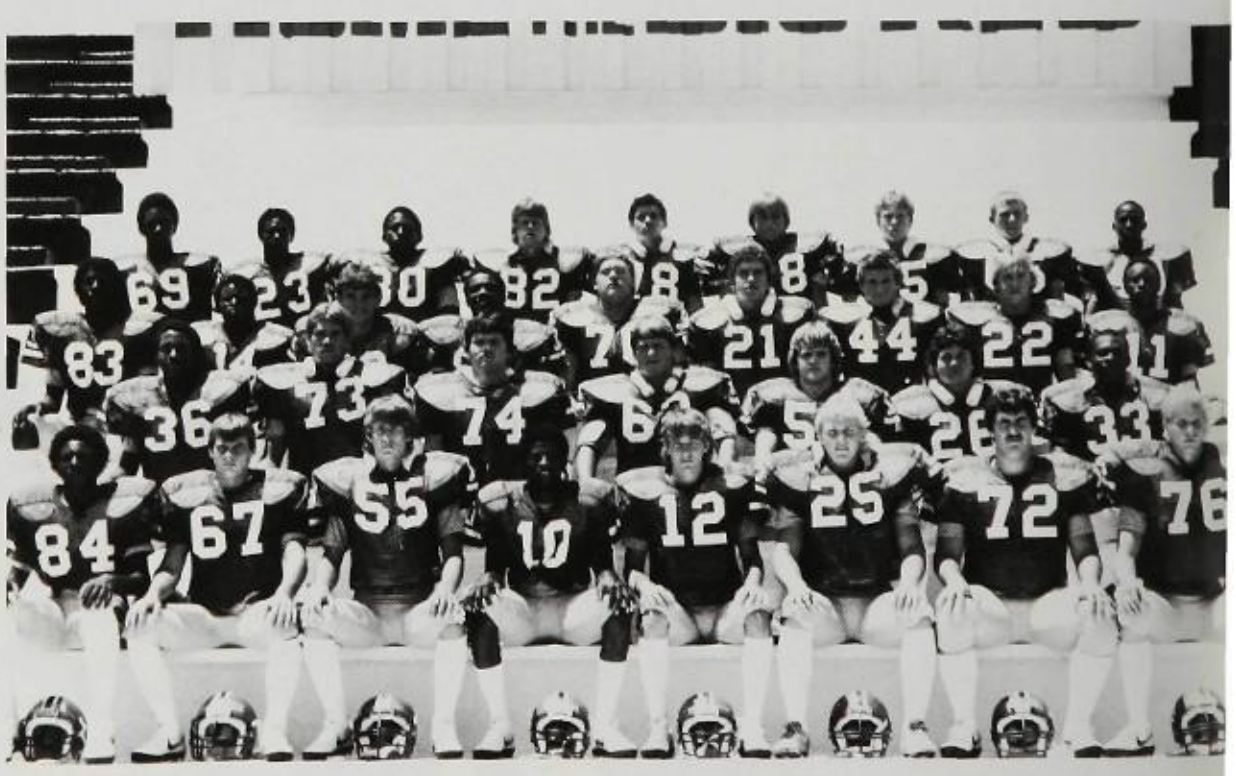
Red Knight *Richard Fain* gains that extra yardage before finally being brought down by enemy forces.

Concentrating on the game, Junior *Derrick Jackson* patiently waits to get back in the action.

Ron Morgan — "We had an excellent season for what we had. We had determination, courage, and guts. We wanted to win."

1984 Varsity Football

NHS		OPP.
18	Sarasota	12
25	Port Charlotte	0
10	Barron Collier	0
26	Charlotte	10
18	Lely	21
21	Cypress Lake	14
0	Naples	28
0	Ft. Myers	30
50	Cape Coral	6
17	Riverdale	14



1984 Varsity Football Team: Front Row — Richard Fain, Tim Malone, Ron Morgan, Dioni Sanders, Kane Richmond, David Cooke, Dan Loughren, and Pat Wright Second Row — Roscoe Thurman, Mike Wright, Louis Tillman, Bill Zeigler, Mike Castle, Pat Lyons, and Earl Davis. Third Row — Derrick Jackson, Robert Brown, Craig Ramsey, Ira Rice, Shawn Smith, Tom Greene, Monty Kirkland, Mike Housteens, and Leste Burnette. Last Row — Al Morales, Johnny Brown James Chaney, Walter Cole, John Poirier, Derin Falk Randy Long, and Pete Tyre.

A Year to Be Proud of

Red Knights both young and old truly had something to be proud of when the 1984 Varsity Football team brought home a victorious 7-3 record.

Despite injuries, our Mighty Varsity Knights kept their positive attitude and determination throughout the 1984 season. Senior *Mike Wright* received extensive knee injuries before the season began and was unsure of his ability to play, but exercise and hard work got him back on the field after missing only two games. Seniors *Louis Tillman, Tim Malone,* and *David Cooke* were also sent to the sidelines mid-season. Only these football veterans weren't as lucky as their teammate. They were unable to return to the field. *Tillman* received knee surgery which left his leg in a cast, while *Malone* suffered from a broken collar bone and *Cooke* suffered from a broken ankle. All three excellent players and three year lettermen were missed by their teammates as well as their fans.

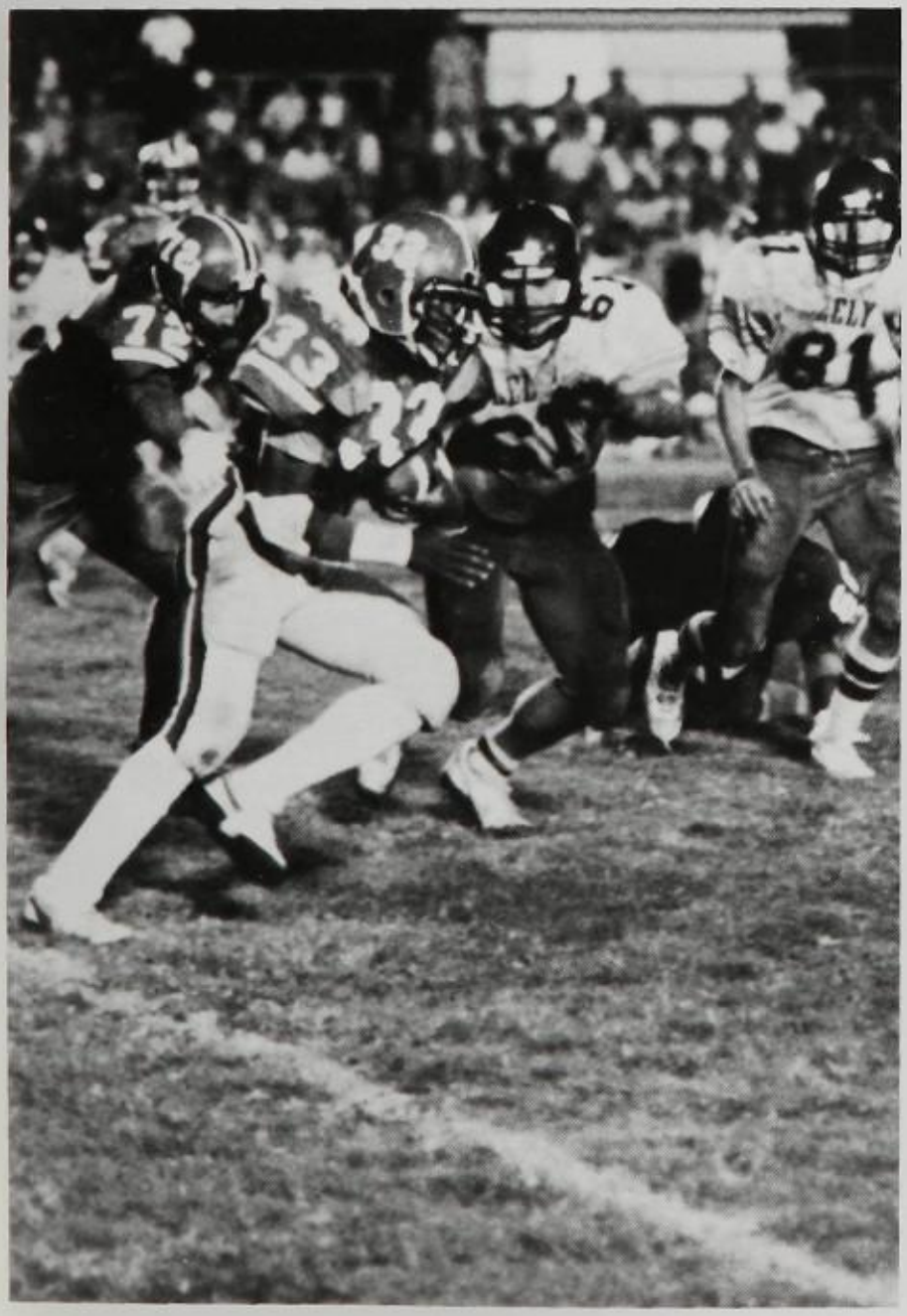
"We had an interesting season, considering all the injuries, but we had good guys to fill in. Overall, it was a good season," proclaimed our quarterback, *Dion Sanders.*

A good season indeed, it started off great with our Knights defeating Sarasota 13-12. The Knights had only just begun their string of victims. Assisted by an awesome defense, the offense really poured it on Port Charlotte with a 25-0 win. The Barron Collier Cougars and Charlotte Tarpons met similar fates as the Knights raced on. Lely Trojans seemed to pose a problem as the Knights fell short of a victory 21-13. Not to stay down for long, the Red Knights regained their energies against Cypress Lake with a final score, 21-14.

Naples and Ft. Myers left the Knights scoreless, but they quickly made up for their downfall by defeating the Cape Coral Seahawks by an overwhelming 50-6 at Homecoming. The Knights ended their season against the Riverdale Raiders with a score of 17-14.

"For what we had out there, we had an excellent season. We had a hard time with all the injuries but they came around. Everyone did an outstanding job." proclaimed coach Ron Hoover.

In the Red Knight tradition of good sportsmanship, quality, and excellence, our varsity football team did North Fort Myers High School proud in their Silver Anniversary year. As usual, our varsity athletes served as models for our year to come. Maintaining the idea that it's easy to be ordinary but it takes courage to excel, our varsity football players excelled in 1984.



Crushing their opponent, our Varsity Knights work together toward a victory.

Scrambling for a touchdown is sophomore *Earl Davis.* Senior *Dan Loughren* moves in to assist.

A Victorious Season

The Junior Varsity football team, led by Head Coach *Wayne Jensen*, Coach *Joe Clark*, and Coach *Jeff Minor* ended their season with a 6-2 record. Strength and determination led these Junior Red Knights to a sparkling season.

Coach *Jensen* and the Junior Knights started their season against an old time rival Ft. Myers. Although scoreless, the defense played a fantastic game holding off the Wave to only a 6-0 defeat.

Cypress Lake was the first to fall in the clutches of our J.V. Knights. With a 20-18 victory, it was the first of many.

Our Knights then met up with the Bishop Verot Vikings. With a score of 12-8, the J.V. team again showed their fans the way the Red Knights play.

Port Charoltte proved to be an effortless game with the Knights offense scoring 18 points, leaving the Pirates way behind.

The second encounter against Cypress Lake was even better than the first. J.V. offense struck again scoring 20 points. This time the opponent was left scoreless.

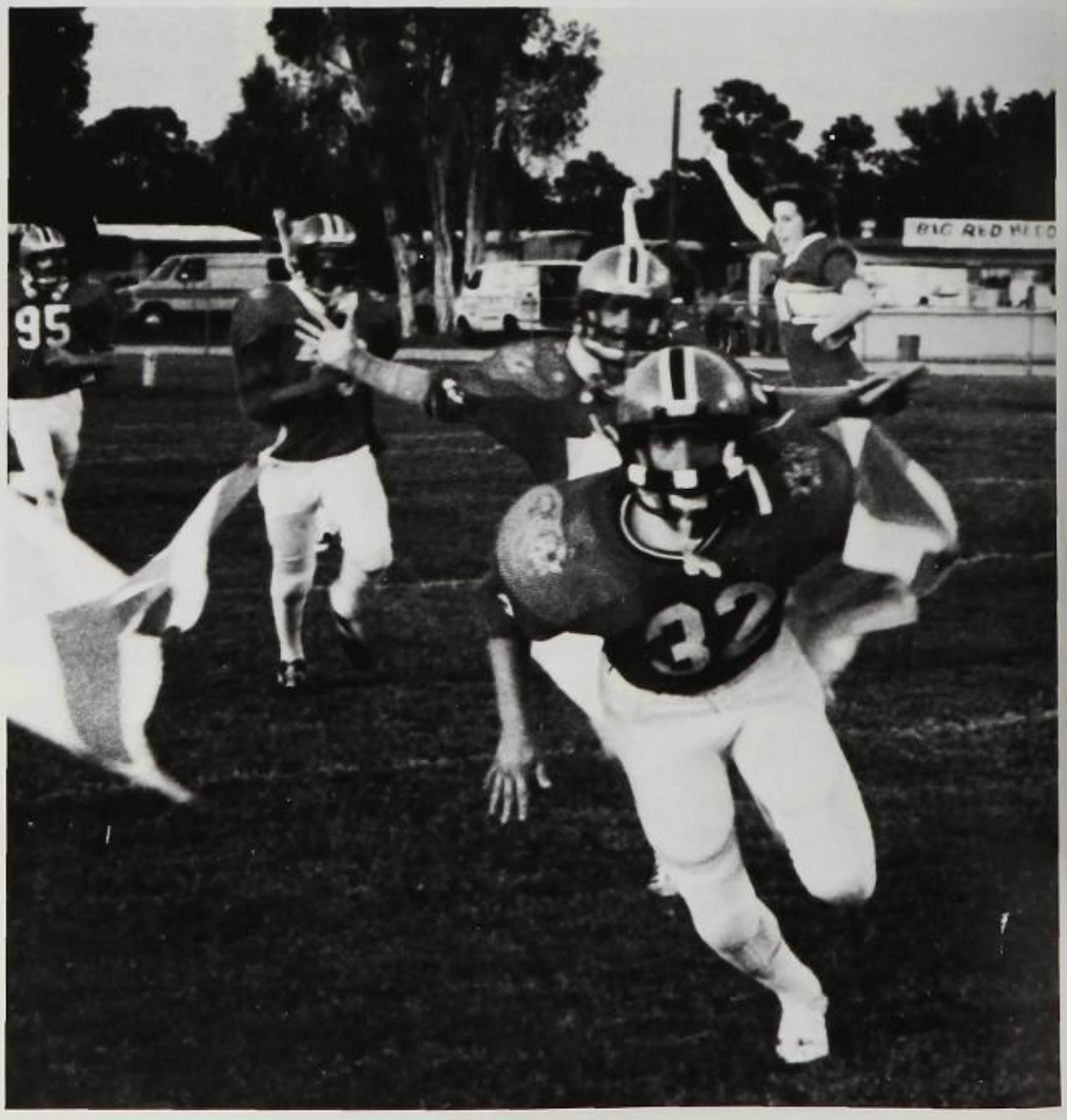
Humbled by the mighty J.V. football team's efforts, Charoltte left North High's stadium defeated 28-8.

Offense certainly improved its game against Ft. Myers, although the score was 18-14 in favor of the Green Wave. Coach *Jensen* had something to be proud of.

The J.V. ball-playing Knights left their coaches very proud, ending the season against the Immokalee Indians with a score of 14-6.

Our Junior Varsity team certainly kept up the winning tradition from years gone by that "Lancers" from 20 years ago set for today. For they have definitely proved themselves capable for the big move up to Varsity.

Red Knight, *Steve Whittle* and Coach *Joe Clark* take a brief moment from the game to review their next play.



Rough and ready for the game, *Chris Kilgore* leads the mighty J.V. football team to another victory.

North High powerhouse *Jay Hale* charges down the field determined to score another touchdown for his team.

1984 Red Knight J.V. Football Team: Front Row — Morris Williams, Jay Hale, Steve Whittle, Brian Stanford, Norris Williams, Neal Falk, Roy Denson. Second Row — Ronnie Ball, Jimmy Mizel, Ivan Joesph, Keko McKeehan, Mike Phillips, General R. E. Lee, Donnie Ward. Third Row: Chuck Larson, Steve Kelley, John Nedeau, Pete Bertolotti, Eddie Hatfield, Greg Weber, Jerry Philson. Fourth Row: Buster Crosby, Andy Bowers, Leroy Knighten, Harold Miller, Coach Joe Clark, Coach Jeff Miner, Coach Wayne Jensen. Fifth Row: Lee Brown, Jamie Nein, Chris Kilgore, Jay Wildman, Billy Jones.

Overrun by Panther players the J.V. offense finds no difficulty in out-maneuvering its opponent.

Chuck Larson: "Every game I try to play a little bit harder and reach for that last burst of energy to win the game."

1984 J.V. Football

NHS		OPP.
0	Ft. Myers	6
20	Cypress Lake	18
12	Bishop Verot	8
18	Port Charlotte	0
20	Cypress Lake	0
28	Charolotte	8
14	Ft. Myers	18
14	Immokalee	6

Joe Dibble waits patiently for breaststroker *James Schicowski* in the medley relay that triumphed over Ft. Myers.

Keith Johnson gets in some practice before the first event against Port Charlotte.

1984 Swim Team: Front Row — Nita Gonzalas, Ang Marble, Dunkin Dewer, Missy Zane, Lisa McPeak, Joe Dibble, Darcy Ryan Second Row — Jame Pearce Dana Ballard, James Schicowski, Carrie Williams Jessica Rudd, Bobbi Jo Little, Michelle Sutton, Jenny Smith. Back Row: Coach Jim Repp, Jan.e Vigilone Richard Dobson, Todd Lake, Scott Sutton, Keith Johnson, Greg Williams, Greg Boyette

Practicing his starting technique is Co-Captain *Todd Lake*.

Rana Speas, "I enjoyed the season, it was a lot of fun."

James Pearce, "It was the best season in the four years I have swam for North High."

Senior *Scott Sutton* anxiously awaits his time after his 1st place victory.

1984 Girls Swim Team

NHS		OPP.
95	Cape Coral	52
57	Barron Collier	84
61	Cypress Lake	109
90	Naples	81
78	Port Charlotte	91
103	Charlotte	47
105	Ft. Myers	51
108	Riverdale	62
88	Lely	81

1984 Boys Swim Team

NHS		OPP.
86	Cape Coral	70
61	Barron Collier	74
52	Cypress Lake	115
56	Naples	115
93	Port Charlotte	58
88	Charlotte	62
110	Ft. Myers	47
88	Riverdale	83
108	Lely	48

Plunge to Victory

"Aqua Knights," North Fort Myers High School's first swim team consisted solely of girl swimmers. Four years later, in 1968, boys joined North's swim team and started the trend of a co-ed competition team.

As the 1984 school year started, the Red Knight swimmers and divers hit the water for another successful season. Long days and hard work paid off as each member's time dropped for a better score. The boys posted a 6-3 record, and the girls went 5-4 and took third place in the conferences and district meets.

On September 11th North High swimmers opened their season against Cape Coral. Both North's teams were victorious: boys won 86-70 and girls won 95-52. The boys lost their next three meets but had excellent swimming from *Donnie Ellingsworth* and *Scott Sutton*. The girls lost two of the three meets. They formed a strong medley relay team that went undefeated for the year, and won the Conference Championship.

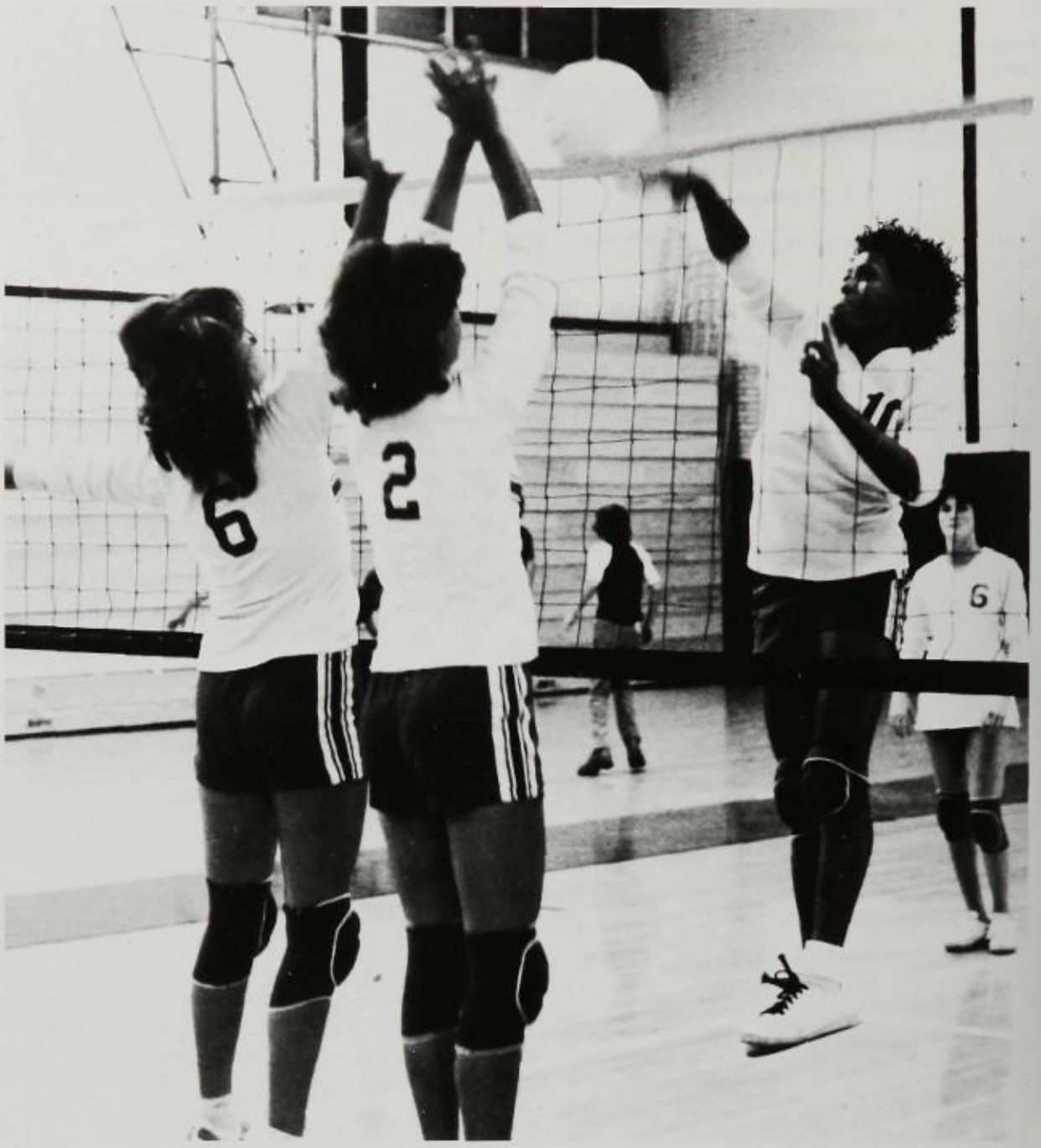
In October the boys started a winning streak that never stopped by beating Charlotte, Port Charlotte, and Fort Myers by more than 25 points. The girls lost 78-91 to a strong Port Charlotte team, but rolled over Charlotte and Fort Myers. *Robin Speas* broke North's school record in one-meter springboard diving, with 199.6 points. Pulling off the most spectacular win of the year, the boys then beat Riverdale 88-83, while the girls took advantage of their experience and sank the Pirates by more than a fifty point margin.

Fighting the cold weather for the last regular season meet, the boys took an early lead and held off Lely 108-48. Second year captain, *Todd Lake* set a school record swim in the 100 yard butterfly. The girls, however, went down in defeat, but had a good swim from *Jenny Smith* who set another school record in the 500 yard free style with the time of 5:29.21.

Summing up the season, Coach *Repp* stated, "I felt we worked hard to develop a winning season, with double shift practices and the help from new assistant coach, *Debra Clousin*. Both teams had winning seasons. I enjoyed working with a great group of athletes, and I congratulate every one of them."

Getting some practice in before a game, *Debra Riggins, Connie Lee, Traci Boyd, Colinda Halvenston* and *Shelly Simmons* perfect their skills.

Pausing for a brief moment, Coach *Lynn Hinkle* gives his varsity team a pep talk during their game against Cape Coral.



A Season of Effort

Over the years volleyball has emerged as a popular competitive team sport. North has proudly boasted a junior varsity and a varsity team for the years.

Coach *Lynn Hinkle* and his players began their practices well before the opening day of the '84-'85 school year. In fact, one week after the close of last school year, prospective team members attended a spring camp. In the sweltering heat of the summer days, the teams practiced long and hard. The major steps of bumping, setting, and spiking were tackled and successfully attained. Foot movement, a crucial skill in the game, was mastered by the players. Each team developed its own style, so that the varsity offense and defense were considerably different from the junior varsity. The practice continued after school commenced, and the Lady Knights worked diligently each day from 2:30-4:00 in the afternoons.

With hours of practice behind them, the teams opened their season hoping to improve on last year's 2-12 record. Unfortunately, the varsity team had only two returning lettermen, leaving the team with the majority of the girls being inexperienced. *Debbie Morse,* the only freshman to make varsity, said, "At first I felt bad being the only ninth grader, but it turned out for the best 'cuz I made some new friends and was readily accepted by the upperclassmen." The varsity team ended its season with a 0-13 record, while the junior varsity team ended with a 3-10 record.

Although the statistics do not look impressive, the Lady Knights and their coach were not undaunted nor discouraged. "Team work played an important part throughout the matches and started paying off toward the end. Even though we only won a few matches, we gave some of the best teams around a good run for their money. All the effort and energy was not wasted," declared junior varsity player, *Connie Lee.* Another varsity team member, *Stephanie Paperasta,* said, "Even though we were hoping to have a victorious season this year, it didn't turn out that way. Maybe next year the varsity team will have a much better chance to win."

With the experience of the '84-'85 season under their belts, the team members look forward to a more successful season record next year. "We may abhor '84, but we will be alive in '85," said *Lynn Hinkle,* coach of both varsity and junior varsity teams. The Red Knight volleyball players are alive and well, and will maintain the dedication and determination to excel in the true tradition of the Red Knight spirit.

Going up for the block against Barron Collier is *Stacy Sheffler.*

1984-85 Volleyball: Front row — Julie Thomas, Karen Boyette, Lisa Lundy, Anessa Stevens, Annette Bellamy, Debbie Morse, Amy Lewis Second row — Connie Lee, Elizabeth Abersold, Alicia Hemphill, Stacy Sheffler, team manager George Johnson, Debra Riggins, Sam Holloway, Stephanie Paparesta, Christina Sievert, Reanne Coup, Traci Boyd, Coach Lynn Hinkle, Shelly Simons, Donna Bradley, Laura Thomas, Colinda Helveston

Debra Riggins, "If the Varsity Squad sticks with it, practices hard, has a team together, we should win some in the future."

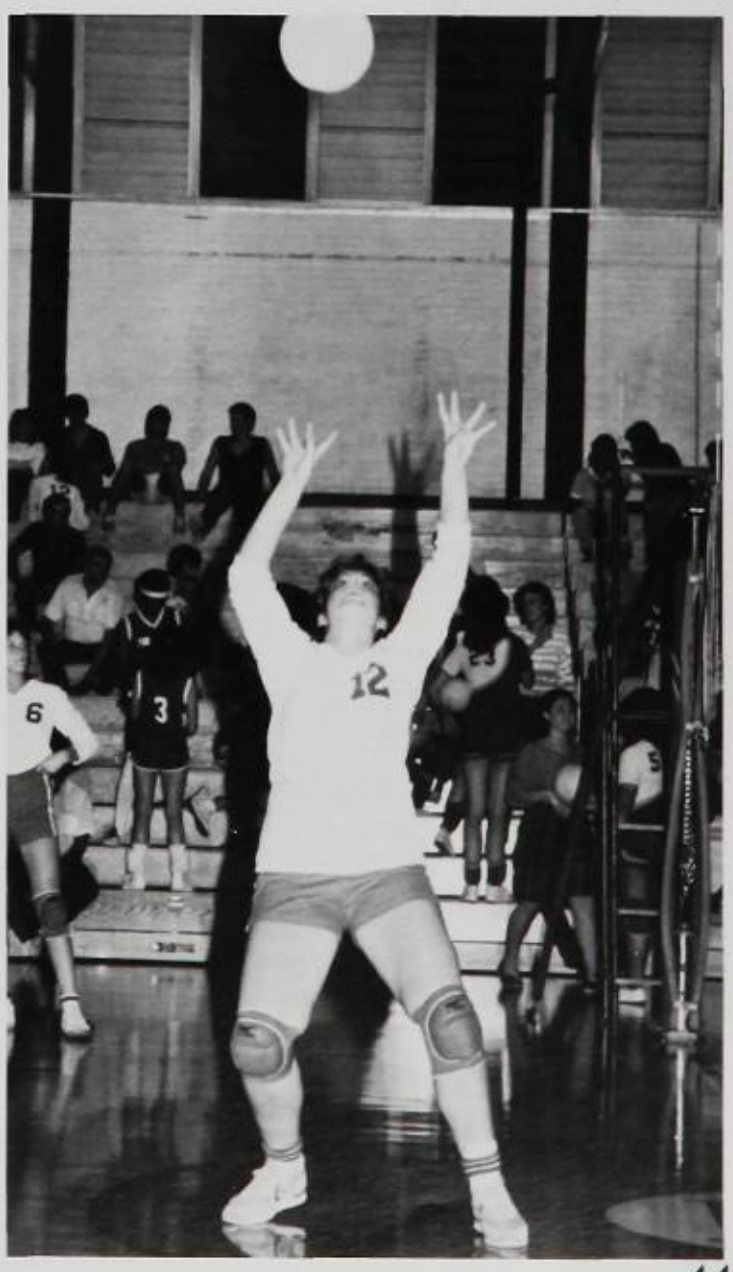
Connie Lee, "Even though we only won a few, we gave some of the best teams around a good run for their money."

1984 Girls Var. Volleyball

NHS		OPP.
L	Cape Coral	W
L	Lely	W
L	Riverdale	W
L	Barron Collier	W
L	Naples	W
L	Ft. Myers	W
L	Cypress Lake	W
L	Cape Coral	W
L	Lely	W
L	Riverdale	W
L	Barron Collier	W
L	Naples	W
L	Ft. Myers	W
L	Cypress Lake	W

1984 J.V. Volleyball

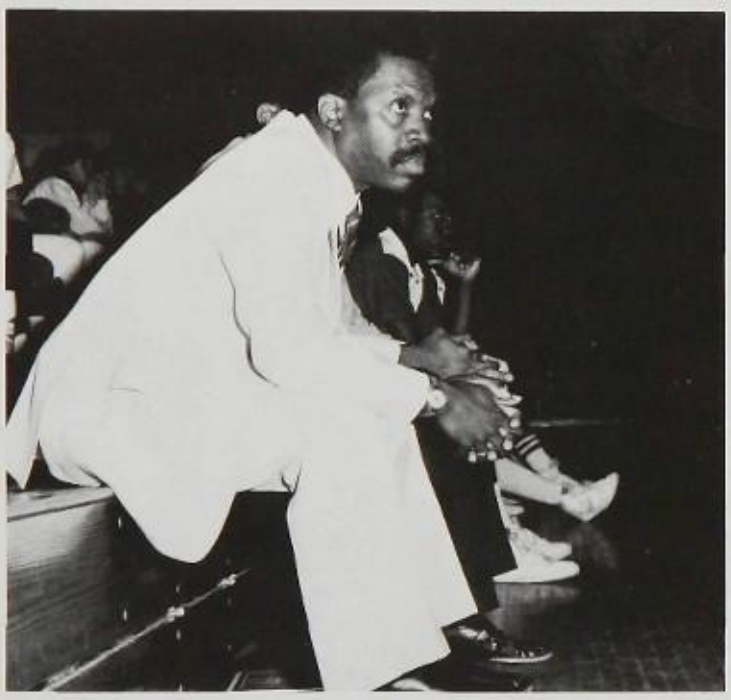
NHS		OPP.
L	Lely	W
L	Riverdale	W
L	Barron Collier	W
L	Naples	W
L	Ft. Myers	W
W	Cypress Lake	L
L	Cape Coral	W
W	Lely	L
L	Riverdale	W
L	Barron Collier	W
L	Naples	W
L	Ft. Myers	W
W	Cypress Lake	L



Preparing the spike, *Amy Lewis* sets the ball against Fort Myers High.

Reaching for the sky, Senior Red Knight *Dion Sanders* tips off while teammate *Nare Brand* anxiously awaits his chance to help out.

Caught in a rare quiet moment, Head Coach *Levon Simms* surveys his team on the court.



1984-85 Varsity Basketball Team: *Front Row* — Richard Gainly, Mark Jenkins, Dion Sanders, Carl Douglas, Reggie Dickson, and Derrick Masey. *Back Row* — Head Coach Levon Simms, Richard Fain, Jerry Ashley, Dan Rogers, Jerome Wells, Gary Willoughby, Nate Brand, Benny Ramsey, Ernie Brown, and Arbry Daniels.

Dion Sanders — "We ha some sweet times and w had some bad times but the end, everything w fine."

1984-85 Varsity Basketball

NHS		OPP
86	North Miami Beach	6
61	Cypress Lake	6
79	Riverview	1(
90	Immokalee	
88	Charolotte	
78	Riverdale	
64	Naples	
60	Barron Collier	
70	Charlotte	
91	Riverdale	
66	Ft. Myers	
88	Cypress Lake	
75	Lely	
60	Cape Coral	
59	Naples	
54	Barron Collier	
57	Riverdale	
83	Ft. Myers	
64	Cypress Lake	
87	Immokalee	
69	Lely	
55	Cape Coral	
71	Riverview	
70	Port Charolotte	
58	Lely	
74	Port Charolotte	
65	Fort Meyers	

Season of Mixed Emotions

Maybe the longest running contest at North High is basketball. Coached by *Mr. Levon Simms*, the Varsity Basketball team struggled through a tough season. Although the Varsity Knights lacked experience throughout the year, they kept up the fight for a respectable finish.

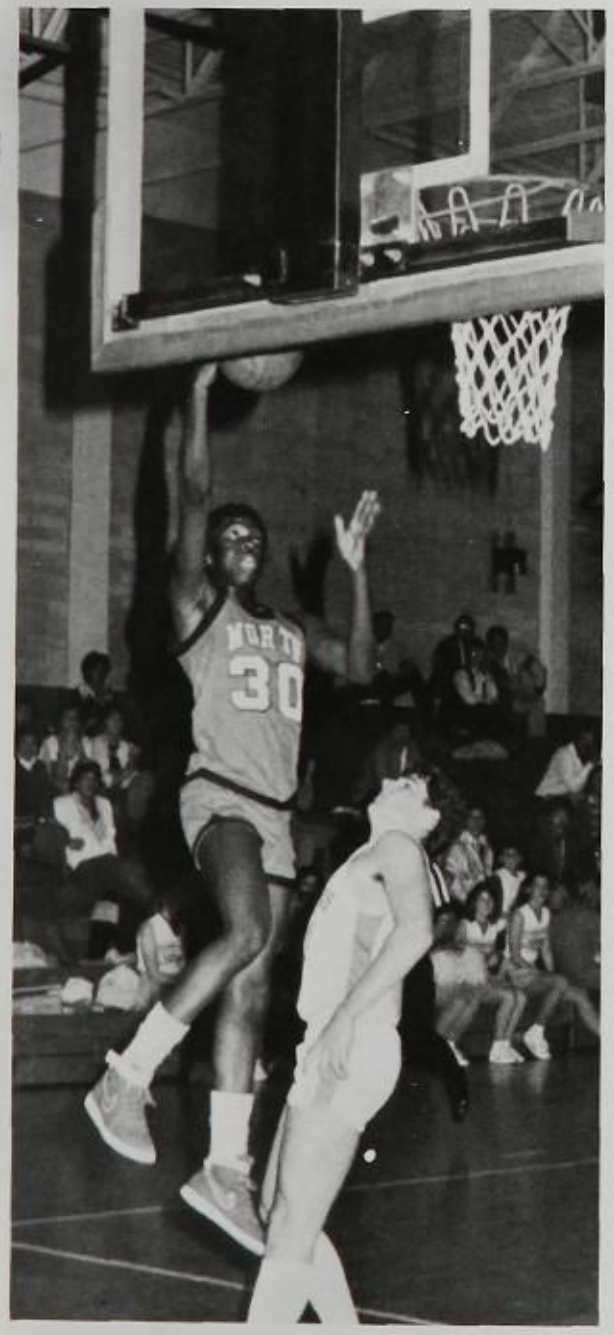
With only five returning lettermen, *Coach Simms* tried to mold the 84-85 competitors into a winning team. Led by seniors *Dion Sanders, Carl Douglas, Jerry Ashley, Craig Ramsey,* and *Nate Brand,* the Knights got back to the basics to help the upcoming sophomore and junior players become the winners we all know and love.

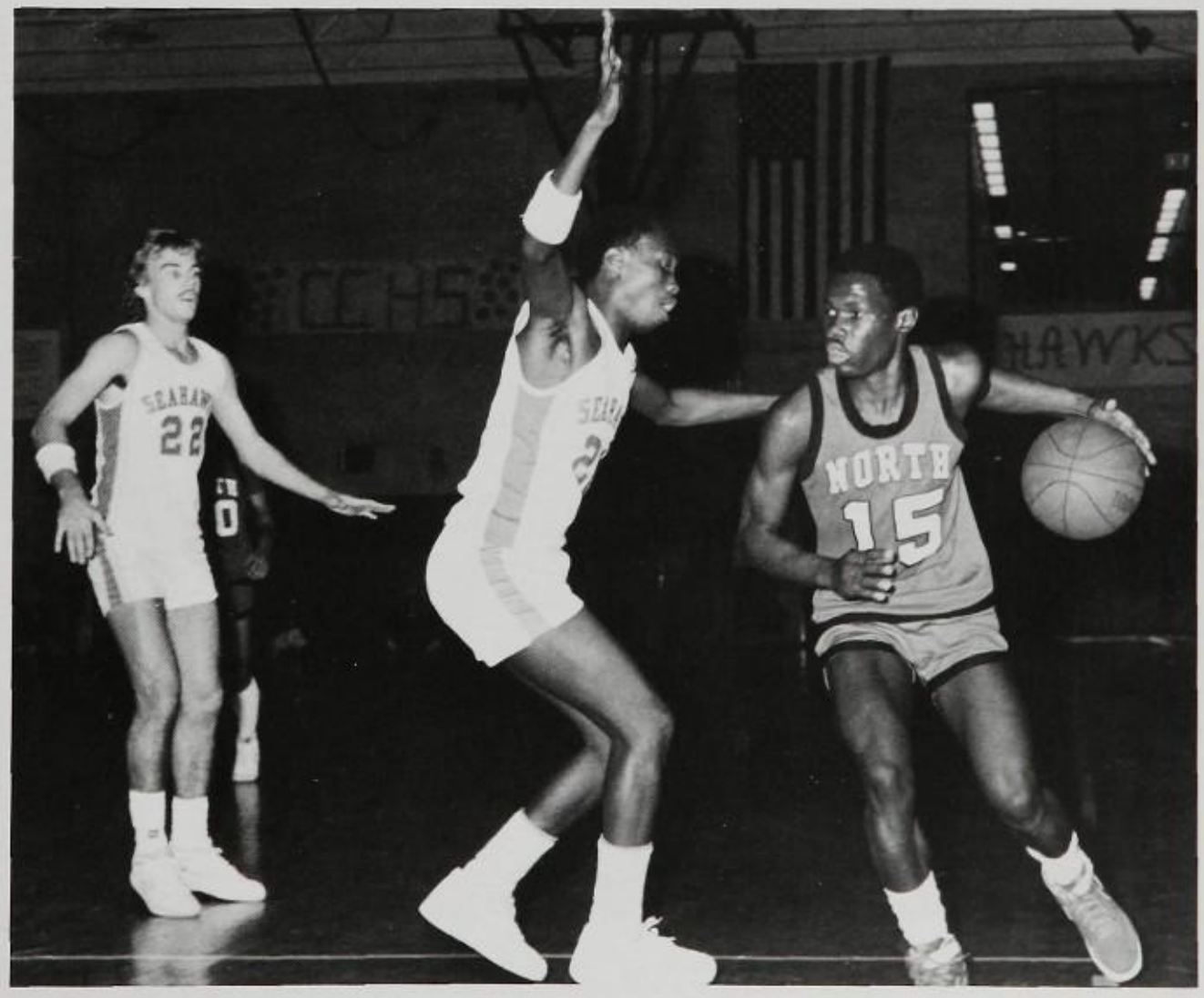
Beginning with a rough start, our Knights were defeated by North Miami Beach 86-65. Cypress Lake and Riverview also defeated the Knights with scores of 66-61 and 109-79. Despite these upsetting defeats the Knights came off with their first victories, Immokalee 90-70 and Charolotte 88-80. Riverdale proved to be a tough contest as the Raiders pulled off a victory during the last 3 minutes of the game. Naples was another close game 65-64. North wasn't through fighting after losing to Baron Collier by two points, they came back with a great victory against Charolotte 70-58. After the next five games North, despite a slow start, finally took a turn for the better and poured it on for a beautiful finish. Senior *Carl Douglas* stated the same, "We didn't take the first part of the season very seriously. People started putting us down, so we had to change things around." Senior *Jerry Ashley* agreed, "The first half of the season wasn't that good but the second half we finally came around."

Beating Naples on their second encounter 59-47 was just a start. They also brought down Barron Collier 54-51. Riverdale was a sweet revenge 57-56. Ft. Myers 83-78, Immokalee 87,73, and Lely 69-64 were also defeated by the Knights.

The Knights finally did come around and they did improve the record. *Donnie Wilkie* of the Ft. Myers News-Press saw the talent of our Knights, ". . . there is enough talent on this team to beat anyone in Southwest Florida."

The talent was there, and with a little determination, they finally pulled together to use that talent to pull off a winning season.





Charging down the court to score for North High is Senior *Carl Douglas.*

Another perfect layup shot for Senior *Nate Brand* and another two points for the Red Knights.

On Their Way to Varsity

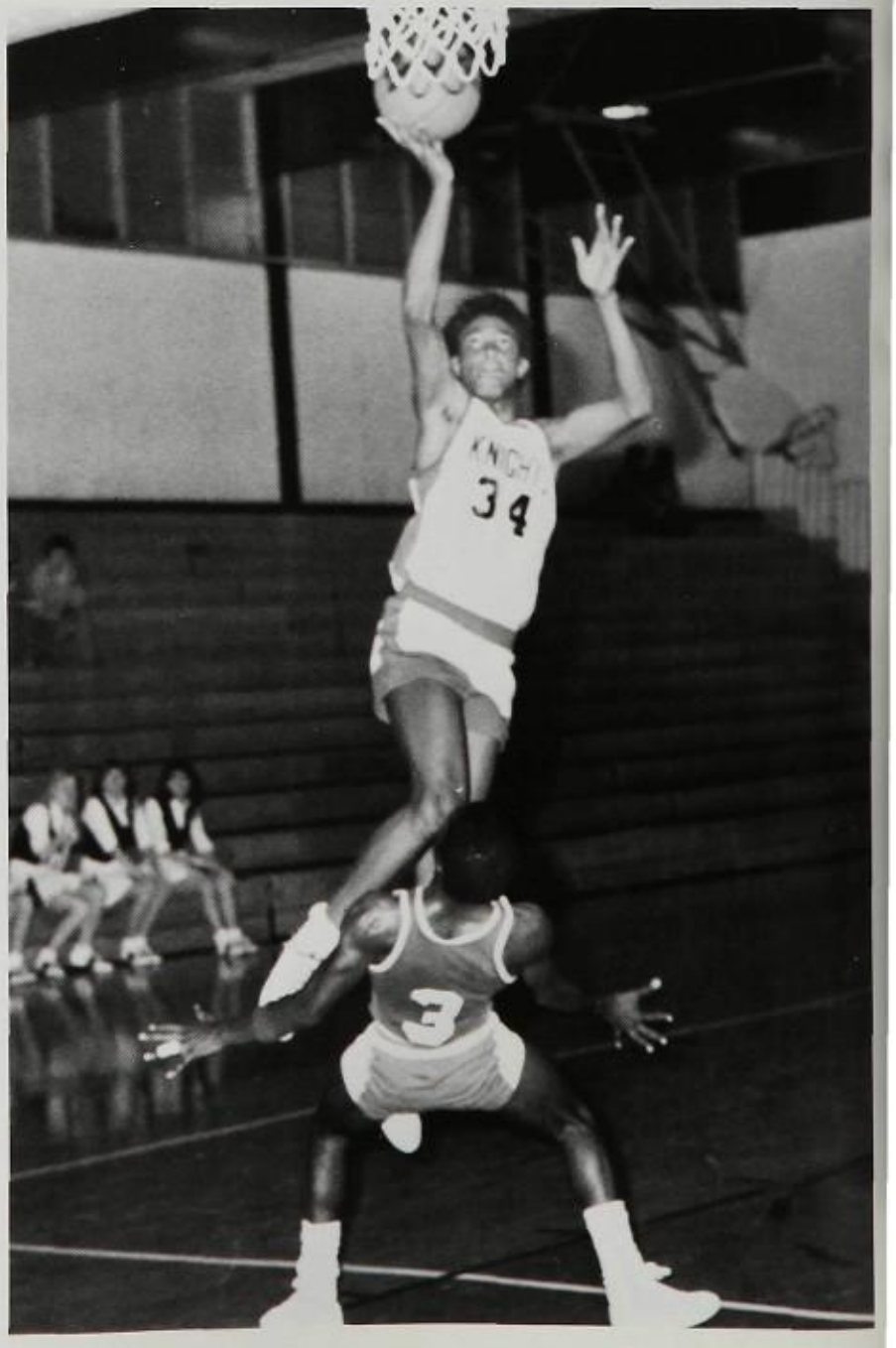
Hard work during practices and persistent development of their skills really paid off for the junior varsity basketball team members. These young men had the determination and team effort to make them stand proud throughout the season of 1984-85.

Our outstanding Red Knight junior varsity athletes practiced every day on lay-ups, set shots, free throws, rebounds, and one-on-one. Definite outstanding players were Martin Kitchen, Greg Delanie, and Jarris Philson. They, together with the rest of the players, made things happen for North. Basketball was made an exciting sport here at North High during this silver anniversary year.

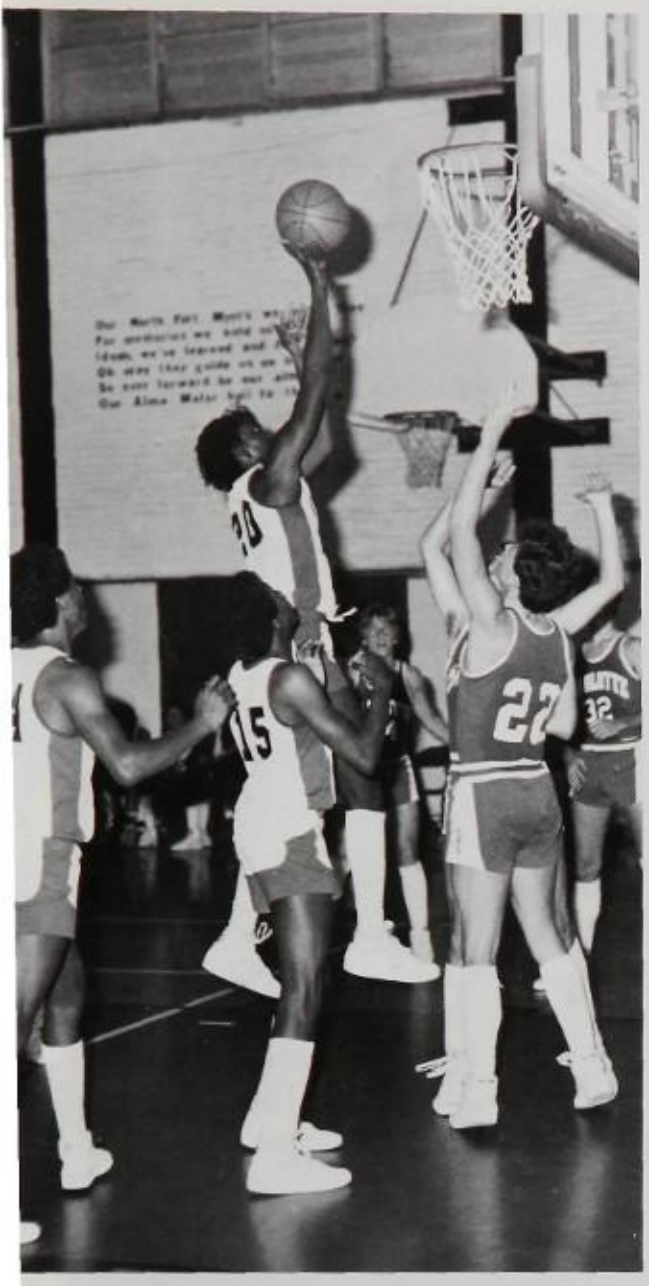
Nevertheless, this season was not a tremendous success. It was, however, a season that Red Knights will always remember. Competing with teams county-wide, the Junior Red Knights learned what to expect next year on the varsity team. Their hard work and determination really shined through, as their spirit was always present during the practices and the actual games.

The 1984-85 junior varsity basketball season showed us that the many talented young men that played were outstanding and qualified athletes that will definitely advance toward an excellent varsity squad.

Red Knights *Ron Harris* and *Martin Kitchen* show Cape Coral what a little defense practice can do at a game.



Freshman *Jarris Philson* displays perfect form in scoring two points for the Red Knights.



North's *Greg Delanie* scores another two points for the mighty Knights.

1984-85
Junior Varsity Basketball Team: **Front Row** – Darrel Davis, Ron Harris, Tim Archer, James Chaney, Edwin Carter, and Stephan Smith. **Back Row** – Coach Bob Alander, Jarris Philson, Greg Delanie, Matt Mickleson, Rodney Harris, Martin Kitchen, Coach Leon Heart, and Richard Lang.

Jarris Philson — "With the talent that JV had this year, we'll have a great varsity team next year."

1984-85 BOYS JV BASKETBALL

NHS		OPP
50	Riverview	56
60	Immokalee	61
53	Charolotte	49
57	Naples	59
72	Collier	62
59	Charolotte	57
58	Riverdale	64
59	Ft. Myers	53
72	Cypress Lake	80
77	Lely	55
75	Cape Coral	54
54	Naples	51
48	Collier	45
71	Riverdale	51
59	Ft. Myers	57
52	Cypress Lake	55
47	Immokalee	45
43	Lely	49
68	Cape Coral	58
54	Riverview	51
67	Port Charolotte	48

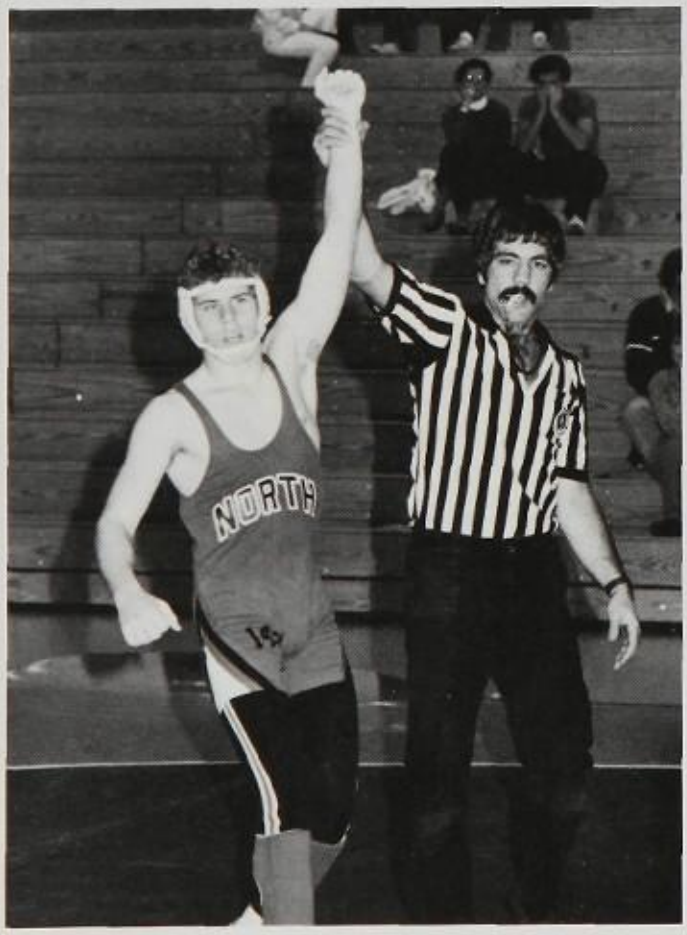
ed Knight *Martin Kitchen* shows the Charolotte Tar- ins what the agony of defeat is all about.

1985 Wrestling Team: **Front Row** – Coach Frank Drake, Shawn Earhart, Adam Fain, Lamar Bryson, David Burruss, Lee Snyder, Coach John Drake. **Second Row** – Tim Conn, Honda Harris, Greg Gibson, John Harwood, Steve Moretto, Parrick Wright, Terry Whiteford, Bill Alford.

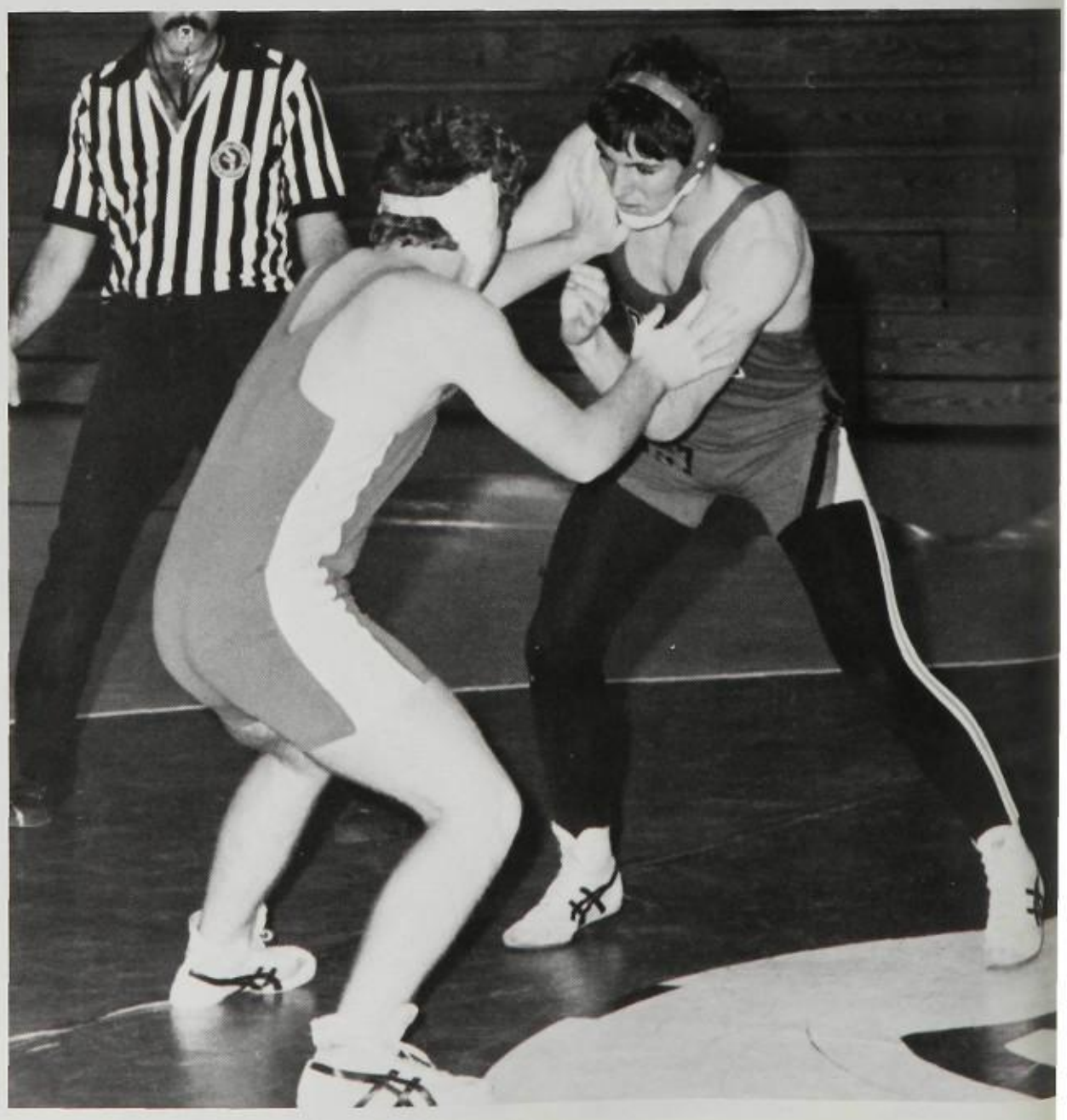
Shawn Earhart — "Wrestling is hard and demanding, it takes dedication and commitment."

1984-85 North Varsity Wrestling

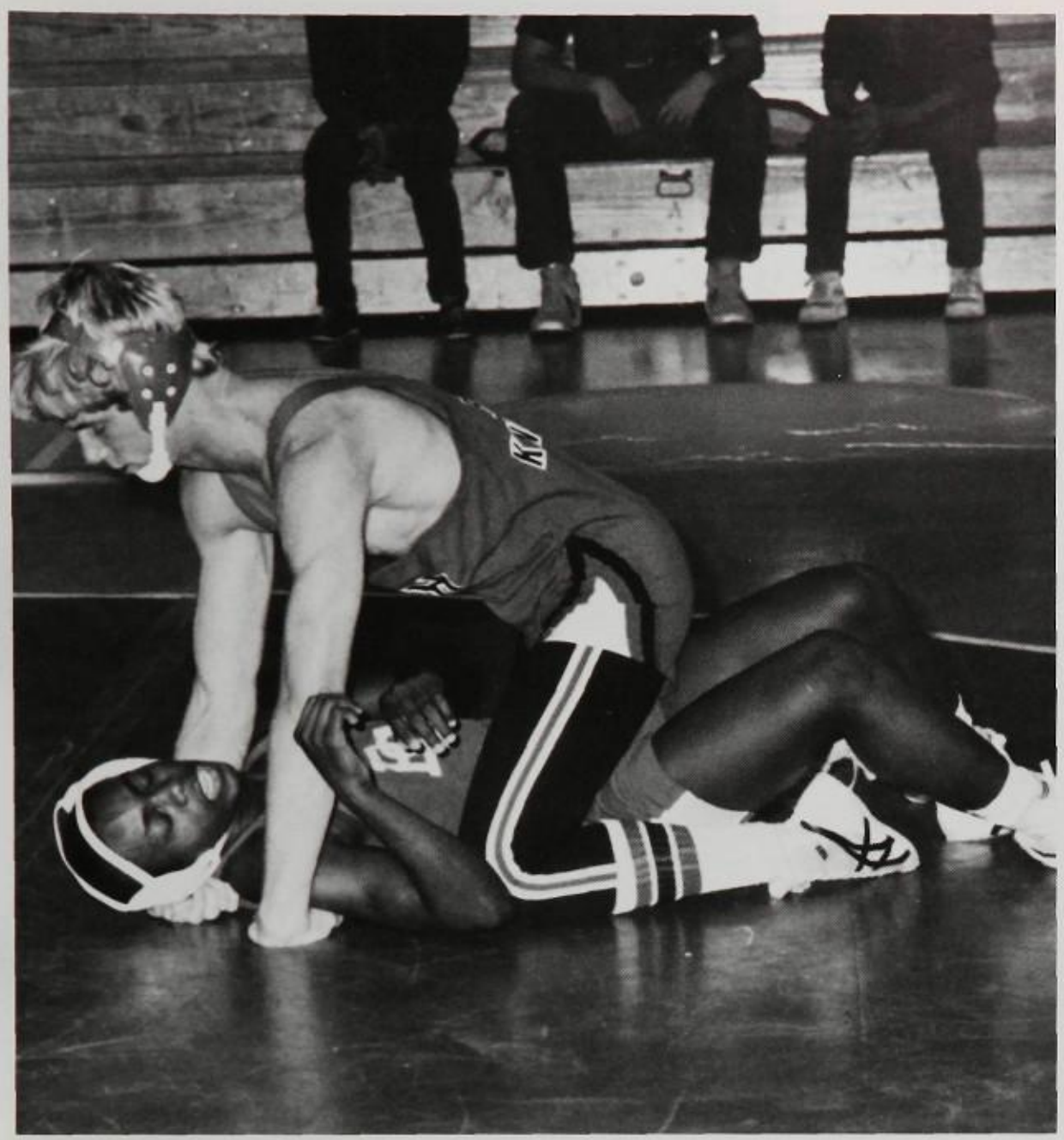
NHS		Opp.
13	Venice	60
6	Naples	60
26/33	Riverdale/Okeechokee	43/39
20	Cape Coral	53
21/42	Port Charlotte/Immokalee	41/33
15	Fort Myers	52
29	Cypress Lake	37
12	Charlotte	41
9	Lely	42
18	Riverdale	50
9	Cape Coral	63
48	Collier	24
24	Venice	42



After winning a match, *John Harwood* is made an official winner by the referee.

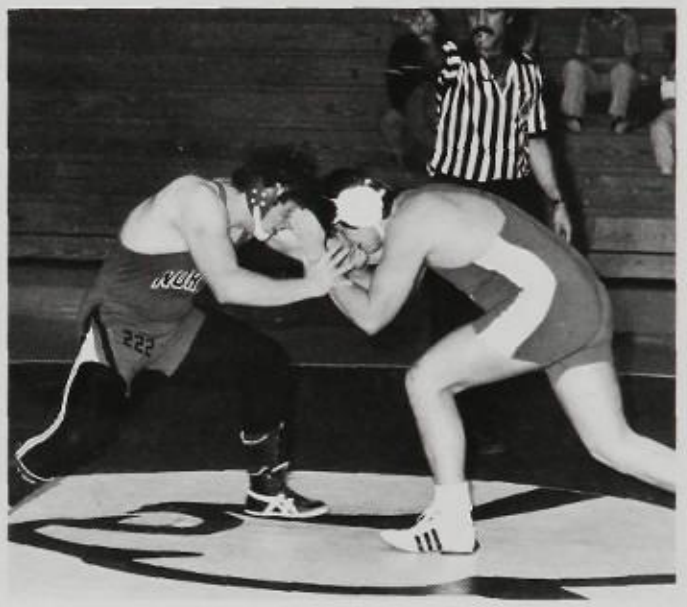


Red Knight wrestler *Terry Whiteford* gets a look of determination during a match.



Junior *Pat Wright* forgets that he's supposed to be wrestling, and tackles his opponent.

Wrestler *Gibby Gibson*, reaches to block his opponent's grasp.



Pin to Win

When we mention wrestlers, most of us think of large overweight men with little intelligence. Actually, high school wrestlers are highly conditioned, strictly trained, and completely dedicated athletes.

North's wrestlers went through strict and very strenuous practices everyday, before and during the season. An estimated thirty boys initially tried out but were discouraged by the practices, and the number of boys dropped to thirteen before the season began. *Pat Wright*, second year wrestler, explained why he thought so many of the boys really dropped. "Wrestling is a very hard and demanding sport. It takes dedication and determination to finish the year. They just couldn't handle the work."

After school, daily practice was held in room 102, which during the school day was one of the main art rooms. Along with the regular callisthenics, the team ran a three mile course which, to most of North's Red Knights, seemed like a marathon.

Each wrestler had to qualify at a certain weight every time he had a match or the team was forced to forfeit. Then the opposing team got six points without having a contest.

The 1984-85 wrestling coach for the third year, was again *Coach Frank Drake*. *Coach Drake* worked out along with his squad. In a way, he became one of the boys, which allowed him to teach them the fundamentals of the sport from the personal standpoint.

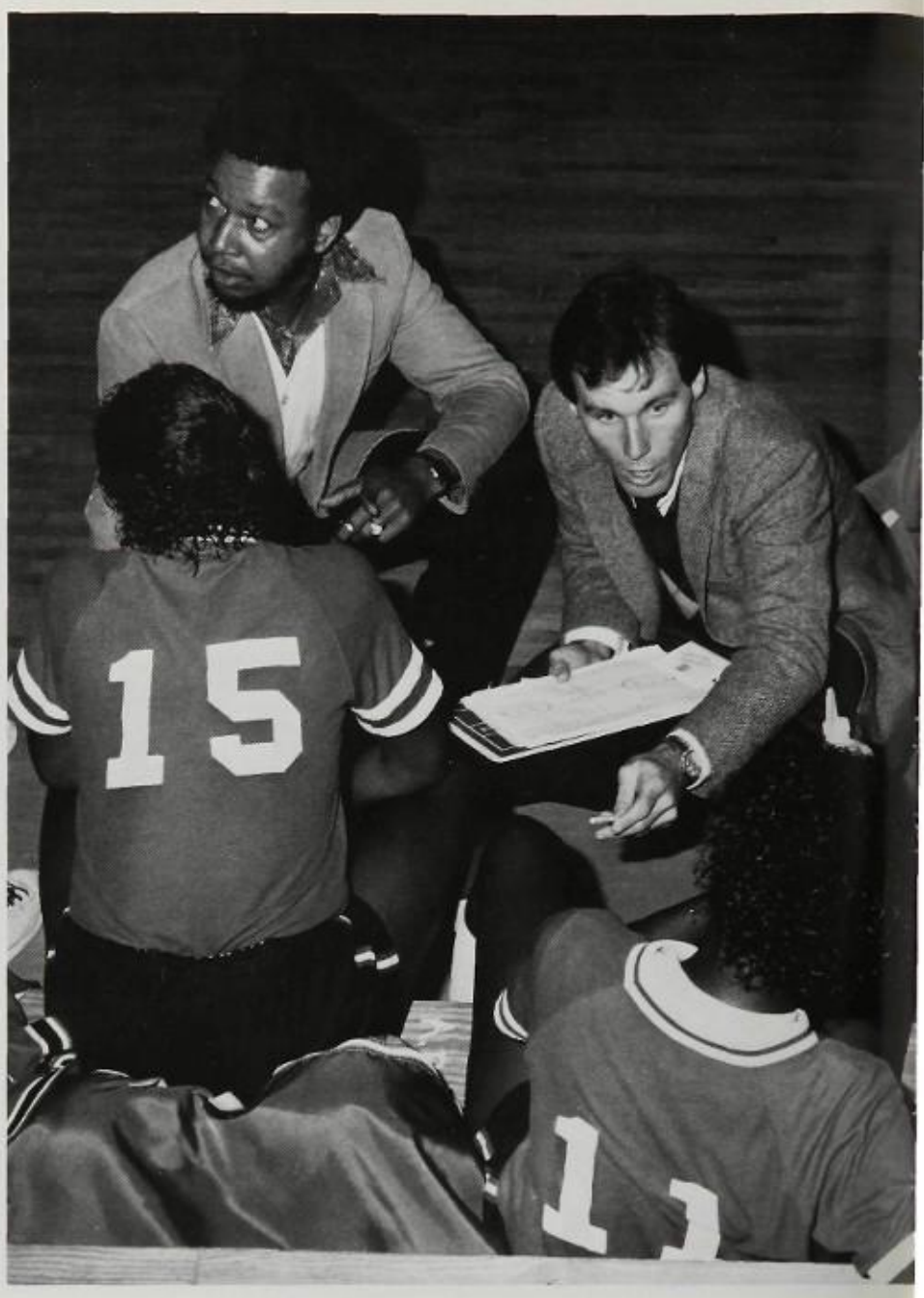
Among the many fine wrestlers, one had an outstanding year. *Shaun Earhart*, wrestling in the 101 pound class, was undefeated with a record of 13-0, including 8 pins. *Shaun* was a second year veteran to the North team. Following closely in *Shaun's* footsteps was *Pat Wright*, also second year veteran, who had a record of 14-3 with six pins.

For the second consecutive year, the junior varsity squad was plagued with a lack of participants. The team was forced to forfeit several matches because there were only four wrestlers on the J.V. team.

Each year, North's wrestlers achieved greater goals and became better skilled in this demanding, but rewarding sport. All the Red Knights are hoping that the success of the year's team will be an incentive for the other athletes who have an interest in wrestling to come forward and accept the "wrestling challenge."

In this Silver Anniversary year, Red Knights were proud of the success of the 1985 team and expect it to be an incentive for other North High School athletes.

Coaches *McKeever* and *Isaac* plot out the next move against their opponents.



The mighty young ladies of North High show their stuff against the Seahawks.

A Changing Season

To be a female jock wasn't always easy or the "in-thing" in today's teenage society. But when it came to the young lady Red Knights of North High School that idea changed.

The 1985 girls basketball team was coached by veteran coach *Sylvester Isaac* and new coach *Douglas McKeever*. With the addition of a new coach, attitudes changed — and for the better. The coaches attempted to form a junior varsity team, but found it futile because there was not enough interest among the female students. The small group of Lady Knight junior varsity players did finally play half the season, but failed to come up with a single win.

The varsity team practiced every day of the week from late November through February. Each individual member learned and perfected techniques of foul shooting, ball handling, defense and offense. The team members learned to play together as a team and learned how to take their losses.

According to *Coach McKeever*, the 1984-85 girls basketball season was filled with many changes — "changes for the better." Both coaches said, "The girls started working together as a team. The new members worked hard and strived for the goals they set."

Although the season does not look impressive on paper, the team members felt individual personal improvement and look forward to a much more impressive 1985-86 season.

Lady Knight *Shauna La Posta* shows her skill by outmaneuvering her opponent.

Junior *Debra Riggins* keeps her eye on the Seahawk coming up from behind.

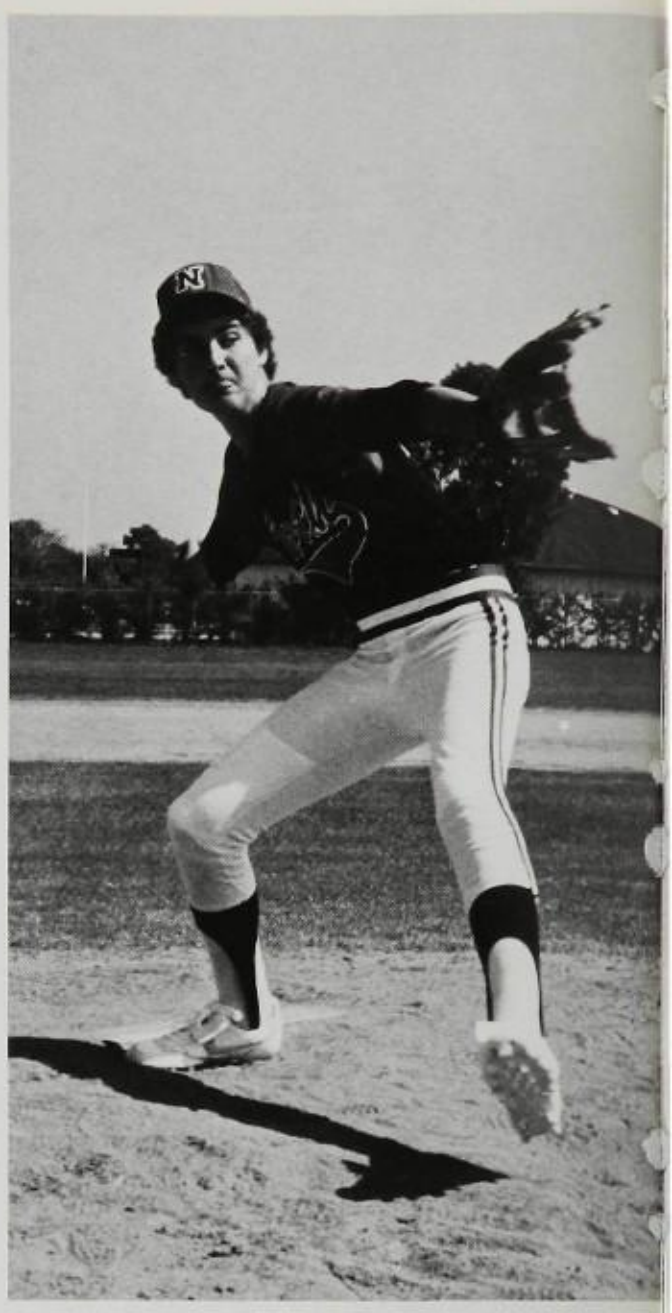
Shauna La Posta — "Our season record doesn't accurately depict the great times we had."

1985 Girls V. Basketball

NHS		OPP
58	Immokalee	65
38	Naples	44
36	Cape Coral	51
55	Cypress Lake	60
43	Lely	81
31	Naples	53
38	Barron Collier	47
35	Bishop Verot	40
27	Riverdale	46
31	Ft. Myers	40
37	Cypress Lake	42
36	Cape Coral	33
47	Naples	43
45	Immokalee	63
57	Barron Collier	70
36	Riverdale	57
40	Ft. Myers	52
54	P. Charlotte	63

1985 Girls' Basketball Team. **Front Row** – Coach Sylvester Isaac, Denise Anderson, Shauna La Posta, Felicia Jackson, Tracie Battle, Patty Luster, Christina Seivert, Julie Colmer, Kim Wooten. **Back Row** – Crystal Walters, Alicia Hemphill, Debbie Morse, Teresa Young, Cindy Thurmen, Penola Farver, Sabrina Williams, Lele Curtis, Coach Doug McKeever.

Freshman *Mark Miller* puts all his strength into his "power" pitch.



1985 Varsity Baseball Team; **First Row** – Gary Brown, Tim Lust, Ray Wildman, Alex Paz, Darin Falk, Mike Hostens. **Second Row** – Duane Nash, Capt. Wade Naylor, David Giompole, Lewis Tillman, Capt., Robert Garlick, David Frogge, Corry Overholt, Mgr., Coach Ferreira. **Not Pictured** – Dion Sanders, Capt., Mike Castle.

Louis Tillman — "It takes a lot of practice and hard work. You have to be dedicated."

Shane Berry — "We have a really great team, and we should have a winning season."

1984 VARSITY BASEBALL

2/6-13	Cape Tournament
2/14	Bishop Verot
2/26	Charlotte
2/27	Venice
3/1	Lely
3/5	Naples
3/8	Riverdale
3/12	Cypress Lake
3/15	Ft. Myers
3/16	Collier
3/19	Cape Coral
3/20	Riverdale
3/22	Lely
3/26	Naples
3/27	Venice
3/28	Charlotte
4/1	Bishop Verot
4/2	Cypress Lake
4/5	Ft. Myers
4/8-12	Easter Tourney
4/16	Collier
4.19	Cape Coral

1984 J.V. BASEBALL

2/6-13	Cape Tournament
2/18	Varsity/J.V.
2/21	Marathon
2/26	Bishop Verot
2/28	Charlotte
3/1	Bishop Verot
3/5	Lely
3/8	Naples
3/12	Riverdale
3/15	Cypress Lake
3/16	Ft. Myers
3/19	Collier
3/22	Cape Coral
3/26	Lely
3/28	Naples
3/29	Charlotte
4/2	Riverdale
4/5	Cypress Lake
4/6-12	Ft. Myers
4/16	Easter Tourney
4/19	Collier
	Cape Coral

Catching the Fever . . .

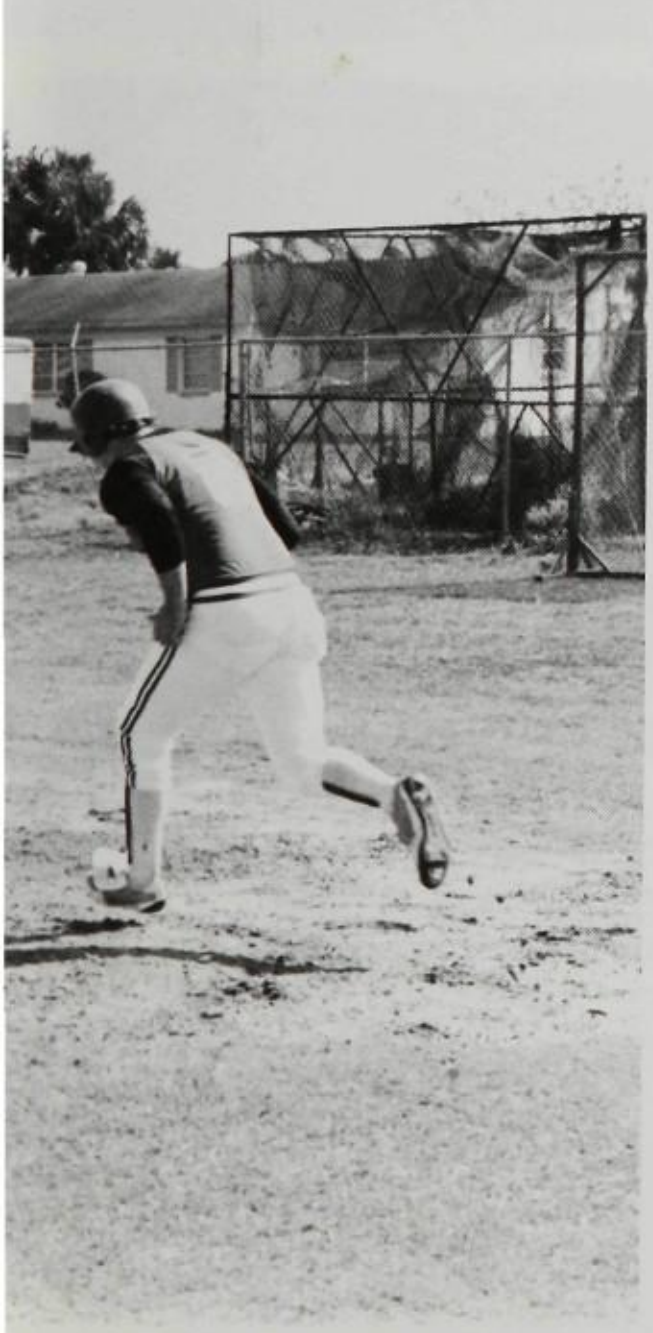
In the spring of 1984, North's varsity baseball and junior varsity baseball teams were both overwhelmed with enthusiasm for the new season. With an optimistic outlook, the practices for both teams began and everyone warmed up for their big challenge, the first game of the season.

Coaching the varsity baseball team was *Mr. Ted Ferreira,* with *Dale Hienkel* as the most valuable player and the winner of the "Joey Cross Award," what could go wrong? Well, Coach *Ted Ferreira* found out the hard way. He found the year to be less successful than he had anticipated because many players didn't play up to their potential. It certainly showed on their record, with nine wins and eighteen losses.

Coaching the junior varsity baseball team was *Wayne Jensen,* and he found, on the other hand, that the season was more successful than he had predicted. With *Darin Falk* as their "star player," the team jumped ahead of the varsity team with a season record of eleven wins and nine losses.

Both coaches were very optimistic about the 1985 teams. Most of the players were young and inexperienced, but according to the coaches, would develop into outstanding baseball powerhouses. Coach *Ted Ferreira* said, I hope that these players have the will to re-establish North as one of the baseball powers of Southwest Florida."

As the 1985 Silver Anniversary year wound to a close, Red Knights anxiously hoped for a victorious baseball season — one which they could celebrate once again.



Red Knight *Darin Falk* catches a fly ball, and gets his Lely opponent out.

1985 JV Baseball Team: **Top Row** – Alan Morales, Chris Spurlin, Neal Falk, Shane Berry, Donie Novin, Mark Miller, Jim Gallman, Coach Jensen. **Bottom Row** – Sean Cushing, Jeff Harmon, Scott Grissom, Chris Fisher, Jim Berry, John Nedeau, Billy Bowen.

Swing "fore" "Love"

Since 1966, many Red Knights, inspired by the good climate found in Florida, headed to the tennis courts. After a short absence of competitive tennis at North High School, interest once again, started to pick up.

During the spring of 1984, the tennis team was new and inexperienced. Through the season, the team had its ups and downs, but everyone ended up improving. There is always at least one person who improves the most, and last season the two who did were *Pat Collins* and *Carla Townsend*.

Highlighting the season was the defeat of the Riverdale boys. The dual team of *Pat Collins* and *Mike Wormood* defeated them in a tie-breaker match. This was the first tennis victory in five yers. On the girls team, the doubles team, consisting of *Dana* and *Merrit Cooke*, had a great season. With a record of four and one, the "sister team" had a powerful game, and displayed definite skill.

Practice was held after school on the school's tennis courts. Forehand and backhand shots were perfected, along with movement and skill.

Looking into the future, *Coach Conley* thinks the record, one and six, will stay the same for the 1985 season. "Even though the team improved, they need more. They need to work on their balance next year," North Red Knights philosophy is that everyone should improve and have fun playing."

Another sport which was popular with Red Knights who enjoyed the sun was golf. Practice began at Lochmoor Country Club in December of 1984 during the chilly afternoons. As the season came closer, members of the North Fort Myers Red Knight golf team practiced sometimes four afternoons a week to improve their games. Thirty-six holes of golf weekly, and countless hours on the driving range, on putting greens, and in sand traps, helped improve their skills.

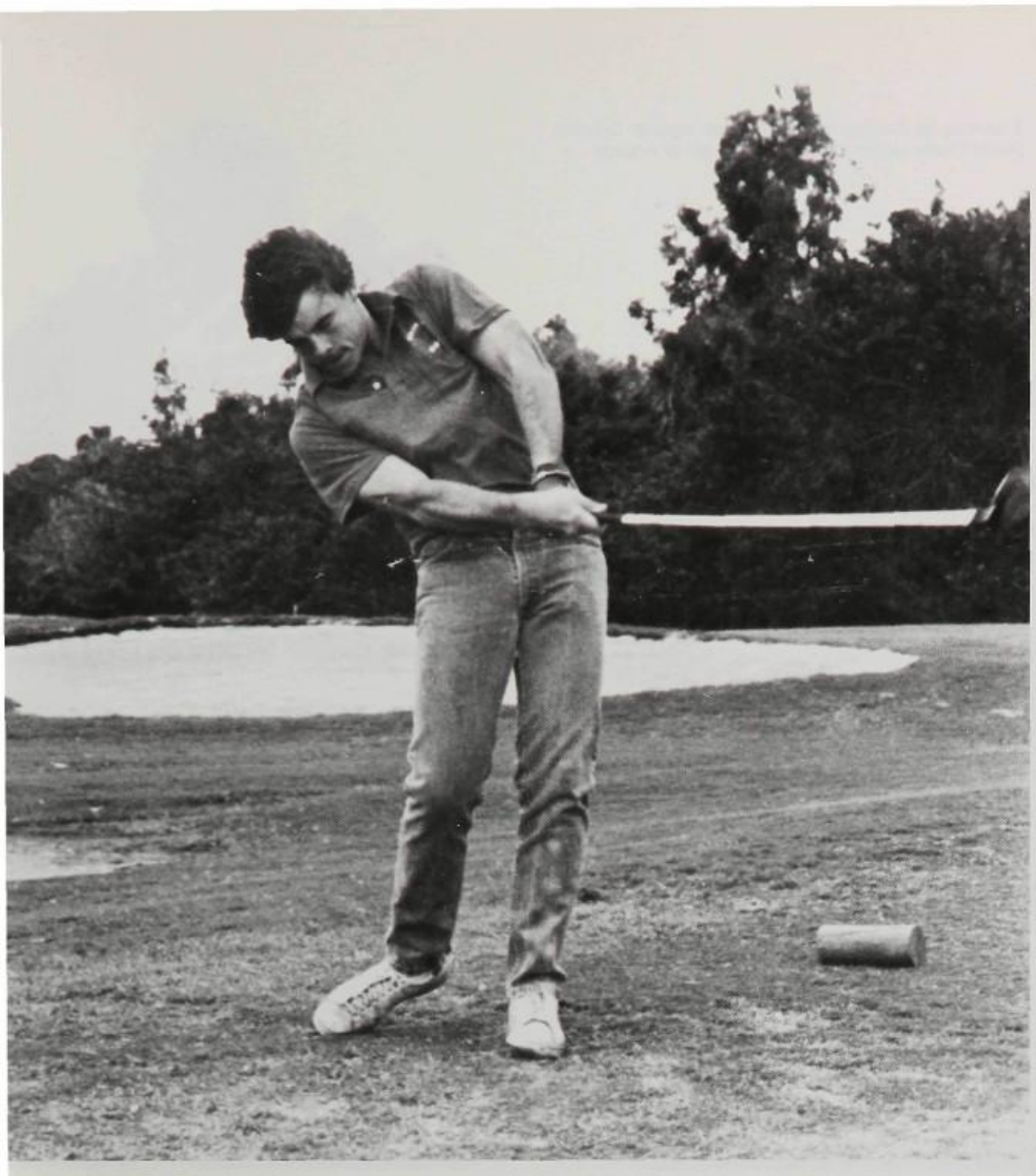
Teeing off to a winning 1985 season were veteran golf coach *Mr. Leroy Dewey* and members of the 1985 Red Knight golf team. Although few in numbers, the golf team possessed the talents and skills of semi-professionals.

North Fort Myers High School has boasted a golf team since 1965, the opening year of our school. As *Coach Dewey* explained, "Golf is not so much a competitive sport. The only thing you really try to beat is "par" — your score on those eighteen holes. It takes great self-discipline and concentration to play the game."

As the weather grew warmer and the greens became more crowded, our Red Knight golfers teed off for a winning season.

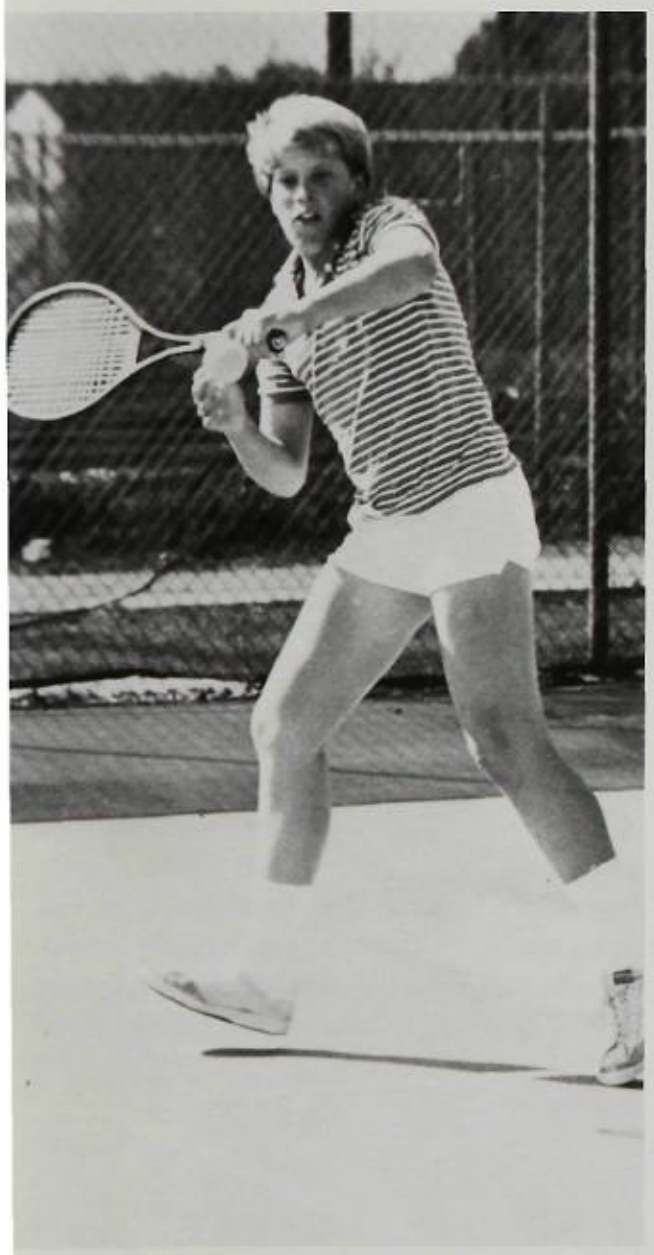
1985 Tennis Team: **Top Row** – Kelly McGuinness, Chris Sievert, Cheryl Prince, Dana Bullard, Anna-Lisa Wiklund, Merrit Cooke. **Bottom Row** – Steve Smith, Kevin Fuller, Chris Kosarich, Jeff Kosarich, Tim Archer, Keith Tapio, John Griffin, Rich Gainley, Robby Wall, Scott Horner, Pat Collins, Joe Fortini, Preston Finley, Coach Steven Conley.

Concentrating on his next putt, *Kenny Smith* prepares to sink the ball.



Driving off the first tee at Lochmoor Country Club, *Steve Webster* sets his eye on a hole-in-one.

1985 Golf Team: Lee Snyder, Kenny Smith, Steve Webster, Brad Morrison, Coach Leroy Dewey



Steve Webster — "Our golf team may be small, but we all try for our best score."

Keith Tapio — "It's good to have the tennis team back together after a year without one."

1985 Golf Team

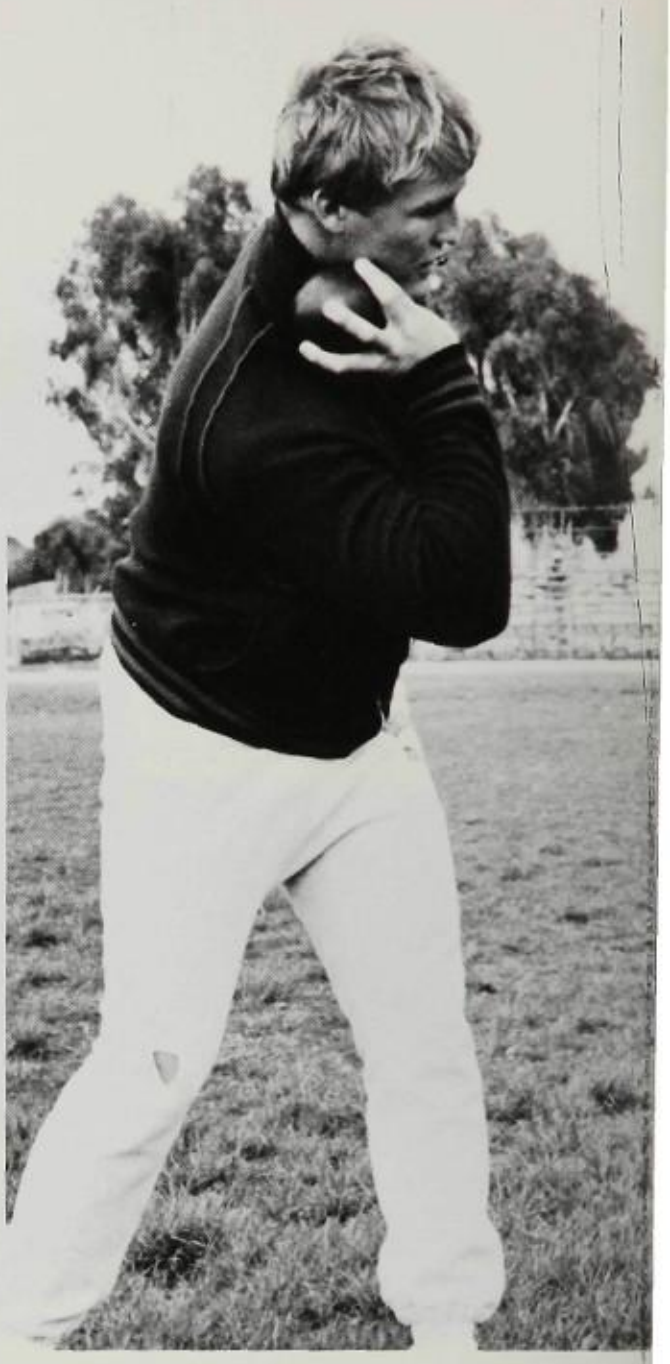
3/5	Pt. Charlotte
3/6	Riverdale
3/11	Ft. Myers
3/12	Canterbury
3/14	Charlotte
3/18	Cypress Lake
3/19	Cape Coral
3/20	Riverdale
3/27	Cape Coral
3/28	Cypress Lake
4/1	Ft. Myers
4/2	Pt. Charlotte
4/3	Charlotte
4/16	Canterbury

1985 Tennis Team

3/7	Lely
3/14	Naples
3/21	Riverdale
3/25	Bishop Verot
3/28	Cypress Lake
4/1	Bishop Verot
4/4	Ft. Myers
4/11	Collier
4/15	Cape Coral
4/17	District

A driving back hand helps *Jeff Kosarich* win many matches.

Warming-up before the dual meet against Cypress, *David Cooke* pushes for the 1st strength of energy.



1985 Girls Track Team. **Front Row** – Toni Gray, Alicia Johnson, Teresa Young, Lisa Whittye, Laurie Pecore, Michelle Morrison. **Second Row** – Colleen Gallagher, Jessica Rudd, Kathy Spenser, Tami Broxterman, Sharin Hibbert. **Back Row** – Sharoyn Harris, Sharon Brockway, Cindy Weber, Tami Wittwer, Coach Stephan Frank.

Ralph Black — "That our team will be successful and we make it to state."

Sharoyn Harris -"We should be undefeated, there shouldn't be anybody qualified to beat us."

1985 Boys Track

3/1	Lee Co. Meet
3/5	Ft. Myers
3/8	Naples Invit.
3/12	Cypress
3/15	Panther Relays
3/19	Riverdale
3/22	Edison Relays
3/26	Collier
4/2	Venice
4/5	Clewiston Relays
4/19	Conference
4/26	Districts

1985 Girls Track

3/1	Lee Co. Meet
3/5	Ft. Myers
3/8	Naples Invit.
3/12	Cypress
3/16	Optimist Relays
3/19	Riverdale
3/22	Tarpon Relays
3/26	Collier
3/29	Panther Relays
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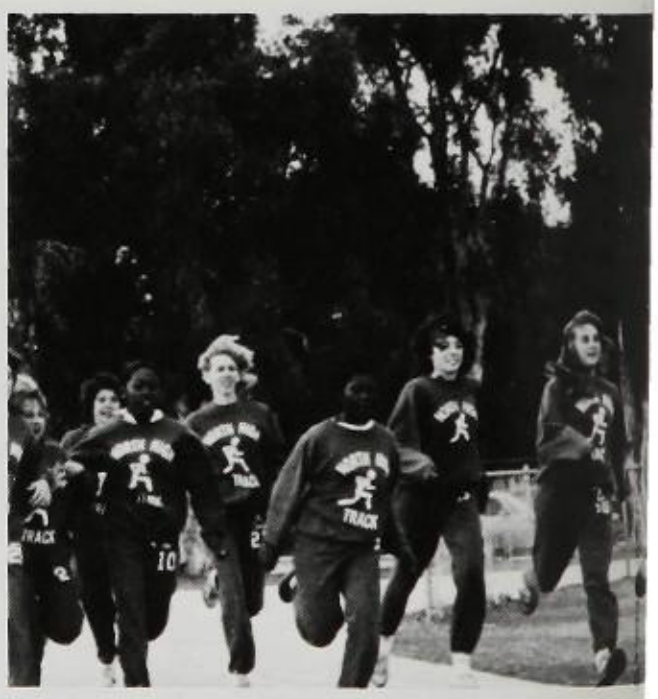
4/26	District



Running a warm-up lap during practice are members of the girls team.

1985 Boys Track Team **Front Row** – Brian Clemons, Leroy Knighten, James Bryant, Todd Cottrill. **Second Row** – Ralph Black, Don Ward, Mark Dunaway, Ken Davidson, Matt Evans. **Back Row** – Coach Doug McKeever, Albert Knighten, David Cooke, Tom Tisell, Richard Crager, Jeff Heinzelman, Brian Broxterman.

Leaving the blocks with a burst of energy, *Ralph Black* displays determination and skill.

Striving to Win

Thirty strong, they were determined to prove that North High had the #1 team in Lee County. The North Fort Myers track team started to organize and begin to practice at the end of January, 1984. With approximately fifteen boys and fifteen girls, they were determined and strived to become the best.

Under coaches *Charles Glaser, Melody Halvick* and *Stephan Frank,* they began to practice for a winning season. They worked to get their teams into shape for the first meet in March.

As the night approached, and the stadium lights appeared, the adrenalin grew high in each and every team member's body. At the loud bang from the gun, the first track meet of the year began at the Lee County Invitational held in Fort Myers Stadium, home of the Green Wave. North's boys took fourth place by a half-point to Cypress Lake. High scorers were *Ralph Black,* who look third in the 220, and *Tom Tisell* who won the mile and took second in the two mile. Finishing second overall was the girls' team. Having one of the strongest teams in the county every team member put their strength and ability together to create a winning group of girls.

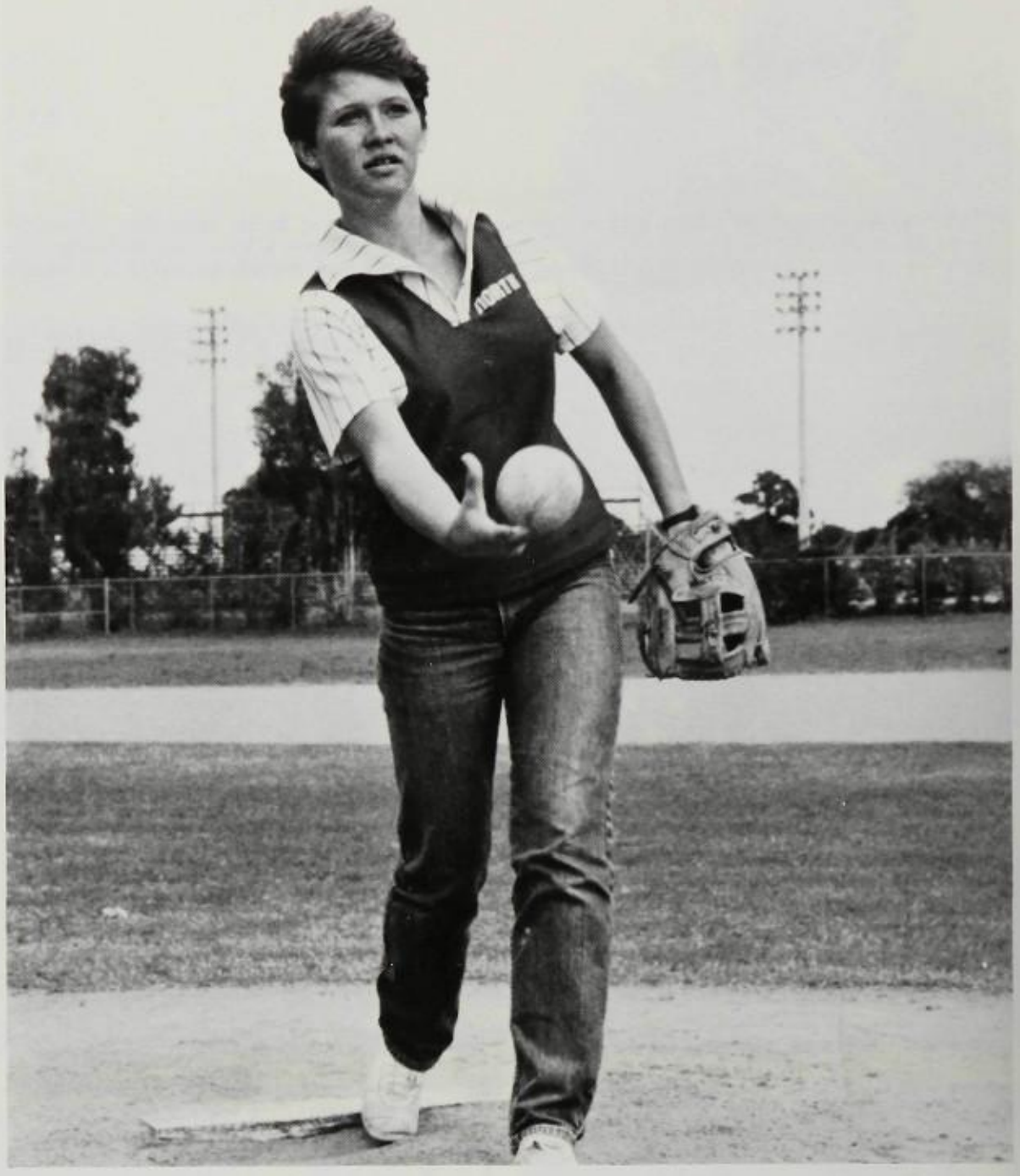
The last dual meet of the season took place against Ft. Myers and Clewiston. The boys placed third but improved times immensely. The two most improved runners that meet were *Matt Evans* and *Mark Dunaway* in the mile. The Girls' team won an overwhelming victory of first place, in the dual meet. Taking a victorious first place, with four strong members, was the mile relay team which consisted of *Sharoyn Harris, Sahron Hibbert, Cynthia Bellamy* and *Lisa Whittye.*

With every passing meet each runner proudly improved his or her times and records were broken; and team and individual goals were hurdled, and with each meet satisfaction was received. Competitive meets such as Edison Relays, Lady Red Knight Relays, Southwest Florida Conference; times; distances, and statistics were amassed and proved that the Red Knights would always lead the pack.

The regular season only proved that the best was yet to come. *Cynthia Bellamy, Sharoyn Harris, Lisa Whittye, Tom Tisell, Tracy Battle, Shelley Lewis,* and *Sharon Hibbert* all proved that their legacy in track would carry on a deep rooted tradition. Competing at state has become the ultimate pinnicle to a season finale. With the girls qualifying 7 events and *Tom Tisell* qualifying in two, North High had its best showing at state.

For the past 25 years the track teams had improved with every stride and their ability grew immensely. Maybe in the next 25 years track will become bigger and better than football.

Delivering the perfect pitch is Junior Lady Knight *Pam Brady*.



Getting the out and going for two is *Luanne Cook*.

A Swing for Success

Girls softball first started at North Fort Myers High School in the early 1970's. Once introduced, the sport was increasingly accepted and supported. The Lady Knights had their ups and downs over the past fifteen years. Many games were won, but almost as many were lost. The 1984 season got underway in late January and early February with vigorous practices Monday thru Friday from 2:30 in the afternoon at Waterway Field. The starting lineup was composed of *Susan Brady, Sherlyl Miller, Lisa Garret, Linda Walker, Shannon McIntosh, Amy Lewis, Denise Hernadez, Pam Brady* and *Trish Orstrom*.

The season got underway on February 7 with North against Cypress Lake. Unfortunately Cypress Lake walked away with a 9-1 win over North. Two days later North's Lady Knights lost a game to Fort Myers with a score of 6-8. During the remaining games North continued its inability to beat their opponents. Although it was a losing season all the way for these ladies, they never gave up. Always there was the desire and determination to win even after losing so many games. These Lady Knights were determined to win and continued to fight every moment not letting the losing get them down. The remainder of the season was a continued struggle.

Not all of North's losses were grave defeats. They came too close to winning the contests against Cape Coral, Naples, and Riverdale. With the inspiration of these "near wins," North's girls maintained the incentive and energy to play their hearts out.

Lisa Garrett, although not playing this year had confidence in the team, "They will win more games this year, by practicing harder and also having plenty of team spirit."

So, as we ended our Silver Anniversary year, our Lady Red Knight softball team began their season with rekindled spirit and dedication.

1985 Girls Softball Team — **Front Row** – Dawn Crouch, Mindy Gregory, Luann Cook, Lisa Skinner, Lori Conrad, Anita Gonzales. **Back Row** – Coach Joe Clark, Linda Barksdale, Tammy Crosby, Kelly Ludwig, Shannon Dukes, Pam Brady.

Hoping the ball will land in her glove, *LouAnn Cook* closes her eyes and prays.

Linda Barksdale — "I feel we will win more games this year."

1985 Girls Softball

3/1	Lely 0-7
3/5	Naples 3-5
3/8	Riverdale 5-15
3/12	Cypress Lake 1-9
3/13	Ft. Myers 6-8
3/16	Collier 0-10
3/19	Cape Coral 2-4
3/22	Lely 0-8
3/26	Naples 3-18
3/29	Riverdale 5-6
4/9	Cypress Lake 9-10
4/12	Ft. Myers 0-3
4/16	Collier 0-9
4/19	Cape Coral 6-8

Concentrating on the game 3rd baseman *Lisa Garrett* is ready to field the ball.

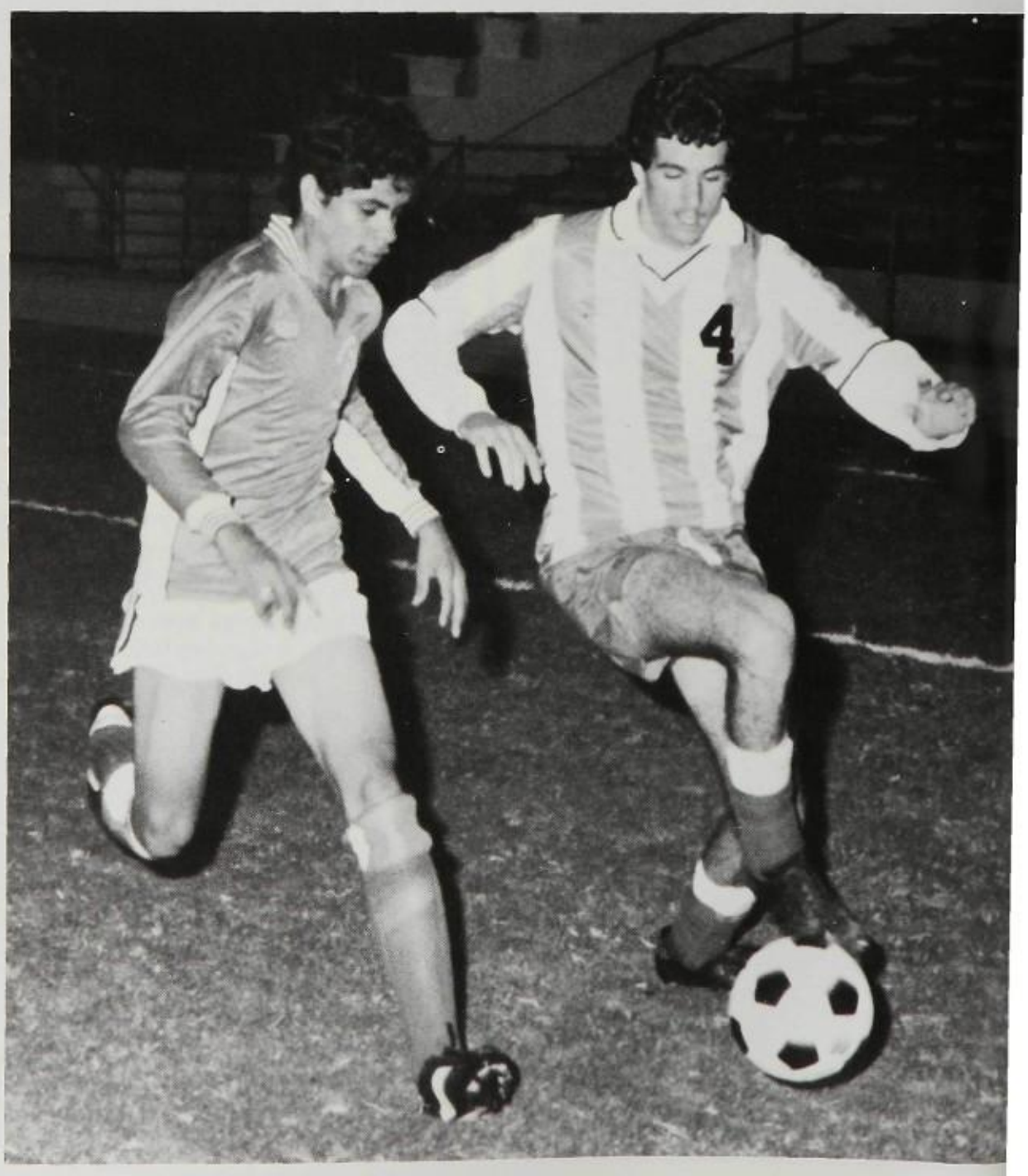
Goalie *Kevin Davenport* attempts to make a save during the Riverdale game.

1984-85 Soccer Team **Front Row** -- Stacy Linder, James Harris, Lori Hayworth, Rich Chastain, Casey Roan, Neal Falk, Kevin Davenport, Danny Ruth, David Klinenberg, Ronnie Draa, Doug Semler, L. A. Dewey. **Back Row:** Coach Chuck Jager, Mike Castle, Paul Diogo, Alan Clairmont, Jody Holt, Mike Sheffield, Tom Kiernan, Kyle Eignor, Steve Lee, Jack Lee, Greg Boyette, Coach Lee Werst.

Mike Castle — "We were a young team and learned a lot from each other. Hopefully next year we will win some."

1985 SOCCER TEAM

NHS		OPP
6	Riverdale	0
4	St. John Newman's	2
3	Cypress Lake	1
1	Lely	5
1	Cape Coral	7
4	Ft. Myers	2
5	Naples	5
4	Riverdale	2
1	Immokale	3
2	Cypress	2
3	Immokalee	4
0	Cape Coral	5
2	Barron Collier	7
4	Ft. Myers	0



Out manuvering his opponent, *Tom Kiernan* works his way down the field.

Kick in the Grass

1984-85 school year brought about a new sport to North. Although this sport has been played for centuries around the world, Soccer was played for the first time by North High School Red Knights.

Tryouts began November 1st on the football field. Many hours of hard work and dedication were spent mastering the skills of the game. Practices were held from 4:30 until 6:30 every evening. Later, after 7th period of first semester ended, practices began at 2:30 and lasted until 4:30.

Coaches *Lee Werst* and *Chuck Jager* worked hard trying to pull their team together in time for the first game, which came on December 4th against Riverdale. The Red Knights started the season off right with a big win of 6-0. The next game was against St. John's Newman, but this brought the Knights' hopes for a win to a crushing blow, they were defeated with a score of 4-2.

Although the Red Knights had hoped for a successful season, it ended up with a record of 4-9-1. The team made it to districts, but after the first game, they were knocked out by Lely.

The team was young, it consisted mainly of juniors. *Mike Castle* said, "The team was young and the players weren't used to playing with each other, but I feel that next year we will have a winning season." The team is looking foward to a more successful year in 1985-86. *Coach Lee Werst* stated, "We started as a group of individual kickers and progressed to a group of talented team players."

The Knights had a tough season. They were inexperienced, but they had the pride and the spirit all Red Knights have shown for twenty-five years.

Soccer Managers *Chris Beckos, Tiffany Castle,* and *Heidi Williams* do the important job of score keeping.

Red Knight soccer player *Paul Diogo* steals the ball from a Cape Coral opponent.

Explosive Energies

Perhaps the longest seasonal sport at North Fort Myers High School is cheerleading. No one knows the feelings of winning and losing more than a cheerleader. Being right down there with the players gives a feeling no one can describe.

Imagine a football or basketball game without the touch of color and class that only the spirit and enthusiasm of cheerleaders can add. Red Knight spirit and pride have always been amply displayed by North's varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders.

Under the direction and supervision of Ms. *Dottie Fleming* and Ms. *Ginny Canning,* this year's squads were no exceptions. Starting late in the '84 school year, one week of tryouts were held. Seven spots were open for the '84-'85 varsity football-basketball squad, while in junior varsity the entire squad of nine was to be filled. Auditions for these sixteen spots were very competitive, but the choice was finally made.

The formality of tryouts being over, it was then time to get down to business. New uniforms were chosen and ordered. Pep rally outfits were also voted on and purchased. In the heat and humidity of July, practices actually began. Chants, mounts, and cheers were taught to the newcomers. Hours and hours of practice were put in to make sure everyone was ready for the first game of September.

When the football season began, North's Cheerleading squads were indeed ready and looking most impressive. Throughout the football season and into the basketball season, our cheering Red Knights continued to support our players in the traditional North Fort Myers High School sportsman-like way.

Cheering at athletic events is only part of the service our Red Knight cheerleaders offered. Their assistance during the opening school days helped the process move swiftly. In December, 1984 they were invited to keep score and cheer during halftime at the Harlem Globe Trotters Basketball game. That same month, they worked at the Knight Classic Run, sponsored by Pepsi. The cheerleaders helped with refreshments and handed out numbers to finishing runners. Again, volunteering their time and support to a charitable organization, the Red Knight Cheerleaders performed at the Cystic Fibrosis baseball halftime show.

North's cheerleaders were more than spirit leaders at athletic events. They promoted good will for North High School as they did various community services. As principal *Ed Stickles* proclaimed, "Our cheerleaders are dependable and represent the school excellently. If I ask them to do something, I know it will get done."

1984-85 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Front Row — Captain, Lisa Skinner. Second Row — Suzanne Marcellin. Last Row — Debbie Devito, Mikkie Haggard, Mindy Gregory, Merridith Ward, and Misty Lane.

Preparing for the kick-off, Varsity Cheerleaders *Amy Juliano* and *Merrit Cooke* show their spirit.

"Go Defense!" encourage Varsity Cheerleaders *Connie Burke, Cindy Summerall, Carol Petry,* and *Arlanda Barnes.*

1984-85 Varsity Cheerleaders: Front Row — Carol Petry. Second Row — Cindy Summerall, Third Row — Shelley Gartner, Merrit Cooke, Susan Lewsader, Arlanda Barnes, Amy Juliano, Debbie Hughes, and Monica Skinner. Top Row — Captain Connie Burke.

Despite the "Rough and Rowdy" chant, our J.V. cheerleaders are dainty and delicate.

Red Knight *Renee Robinson* and her horse, Strider, show perfect form in Hunter Jumper Riding Competition here in North Fort Myers.

Freshman *Randy Cooley* shows his ability as an excellent competitor in the national race "The War of the Stars" held in Chicago, Illinois.

Showing a touch of style is Junior *Richard Welch*, modeling for Burdines.

Emerging deep into the waters of the Florida Keys is Senior *John French*.

Summer time means fun in the sun for Senior *Glenn Bitter* as he water skis across the warm waters of Fort Myers Beach.

The Spice of Life

Everyone has a special talent or interest, but it takes a special person to act on that talent. North High Red Knights have always had various interests that occupied their time after school. From strenuous physical activities like scuba diving to the more glamorous interests like modeling, North High students and faculty seemed to have done it all.

This year's senior class members *John French* and *Kane Richmond* were certified scuba divers and could be found down at the tip of Florida in the crystal clear waters of the Keys. They were often joined by senior *Glenn Bitter* as they dove for lobster. All three took great pleasure in diving and spent a great deal of money purchasing their own equipment.

Two members of the junior class who had a different idea of fun were *Staci Grissom* and *Richard Welch*. They could be found in the limelight of fashion modeling as they strutted their stuff modeling for Burdine's Department Store.

Another junior, *Renee Robinson*, took pride in her horse, Strider. For the past five years *Renee* has been hunter jumper riding. *Renee* won recognition as the third overall jumper in Southwest Florida and fifth in her age group.

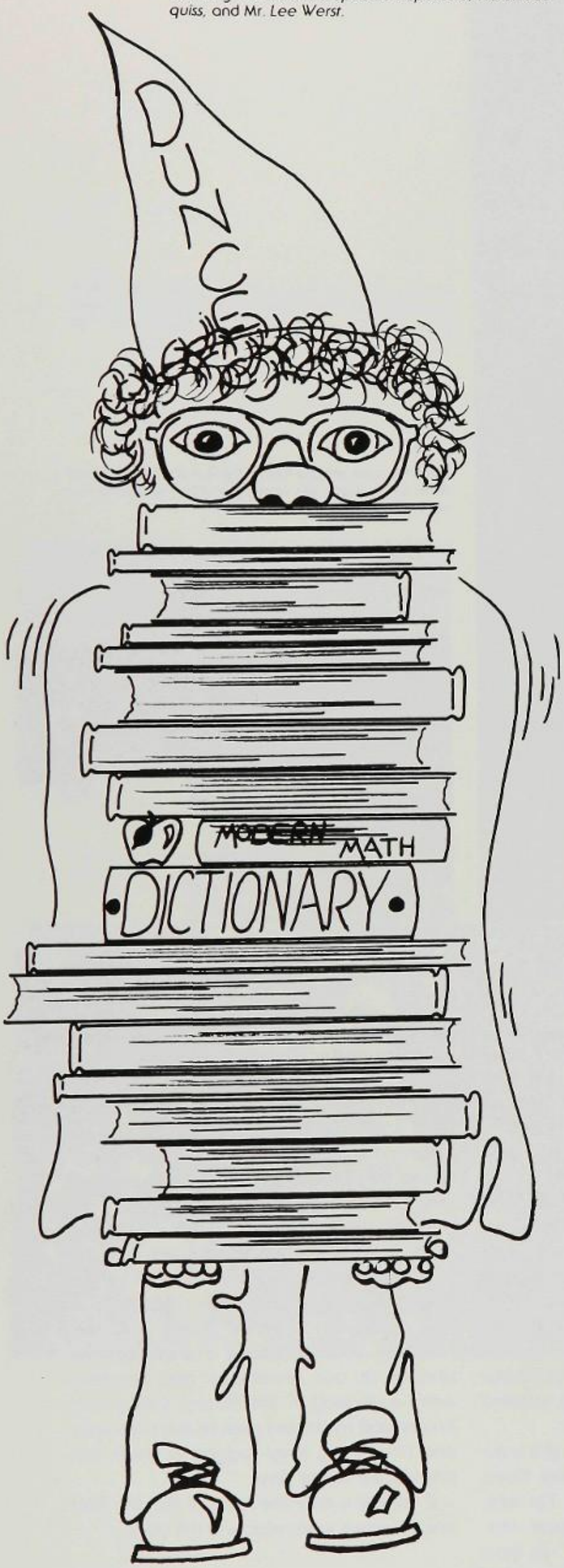
Upperclassmen were not the only Red Knights to have interesting hobbies. Freshman *Randy Cooley* won titles for bike racing during this past year. He was a national competitor in Sarasota and Illinois. His sister *Vicki* often raced in events with him. Inspiration for this sport came when *Randy* went to The Bike Shop to purchase a bike and his eye caught one he wanted to race.

Keeping up with the students in this area of unique hobbies and talents were North High faculty and staff members. For *Mrs. Betty Kayusa*, *Mrs. Carol Pim*, and *Mrs. Marsha Bishop*, it was "ship ahoy" as they joined other sailors as members of a local sailing club. *Mr. Dan Marsh* was another faculty member who took time away from grading English papers to sail. Some faculty members enjoyed the water in a different way. *Mr. Steve DeShazo* often packed his gear and his entire family and went fishing. Not to be outdone, *Mr. Leroy Dewey* also sported a few "fish stories."

Some staff members who preferred drier activities on land, indulged in a bi-weekly aerobics program. If it took longer for someone to answer the telephone in the high school office after 3:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it was because several of our secretaries and teachers were exercising in the library. Other Red Knight staff members took to the highways and bi-ways as they jogged or even ran strenuously every day.

If variety is truly the spice of life, our Red Knights were well-seasoned this year.

Standing in awe are *Stephanie Peparesta, Karen Jacquiss,* and *Mr. Lee Werst.*



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Cindy Summerall

When someone mentions high school, various reactions abound; friendships, fun, athletic events. All that is definitely part of life at North Fort Myers High School, but Red Knights know that education is the biggest part.

During the past twenty-five years at North High numerous changes have been made in the curriculum in order to meet the needs, interests, and desires of the wide range of students who have graced the rooms and hallways. In addition to the course changes there have been drastic changes in credit requirements for graduation.

The present trend is an increase in the numnber of academic subjects, providing little opportunity for some of the elective course offerings. The future may even hold the concept of specialized high school diplomas, i.e. business, general, vocational, college.

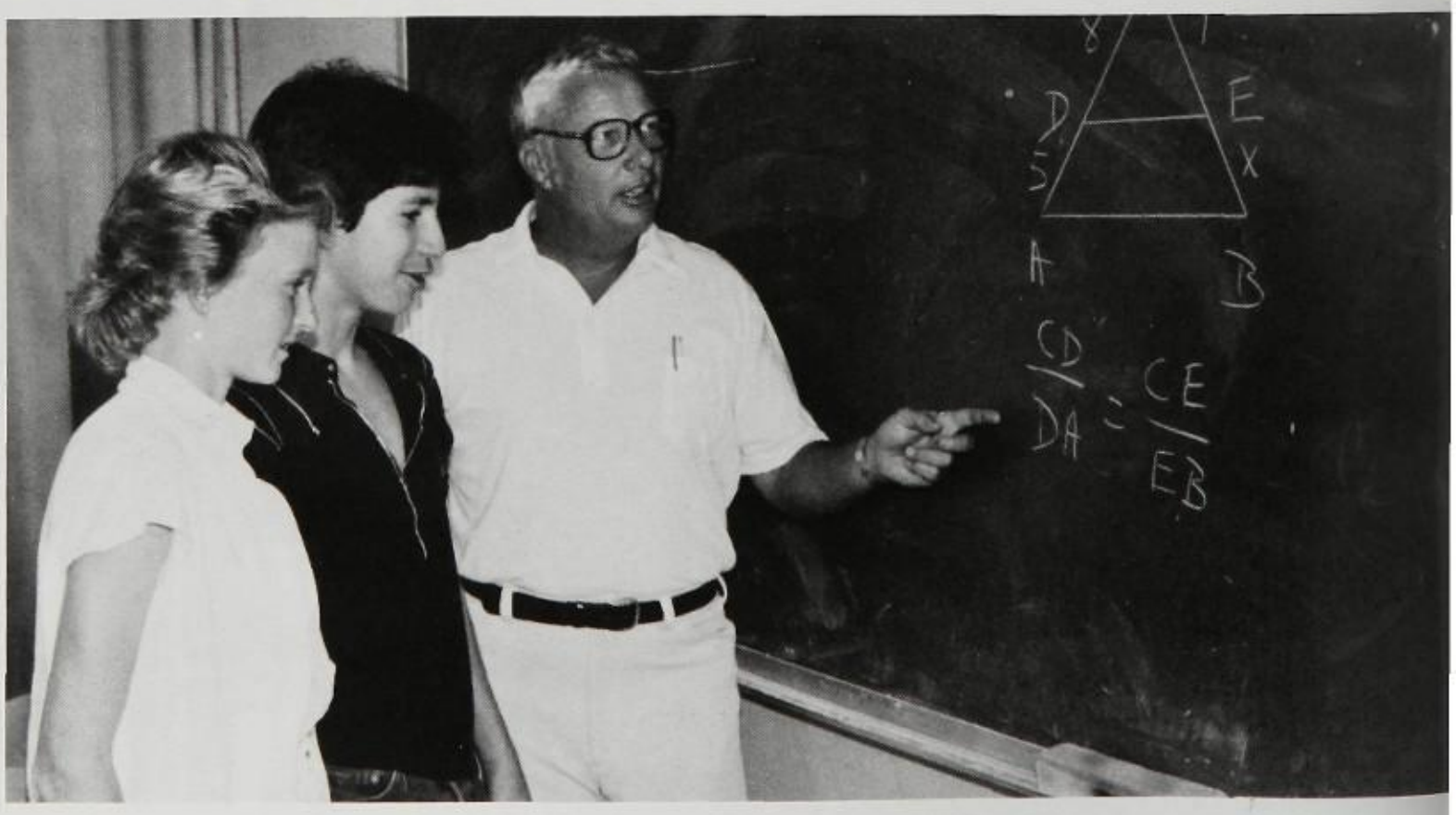
Regardless of what might be in the future for upcoming Red Knights, North High School's curriculum will be adjusted to serve each and every student who is enrolled. In the end, it is the curriculum that is the main ingredient to a successful future.

Our madd 1965 chemists.

Pre-Algebra student *Ray Wildman,* shows great enthusiasm during *Mrs. Previty's* lesson.

Computer whiz *Dennis Graves,* demonstrates his ability at the keyboard.

Geometry questions by *Angie Marable* and *Donnie Ellingsworth* are answered readily by *Mr. Repp.*



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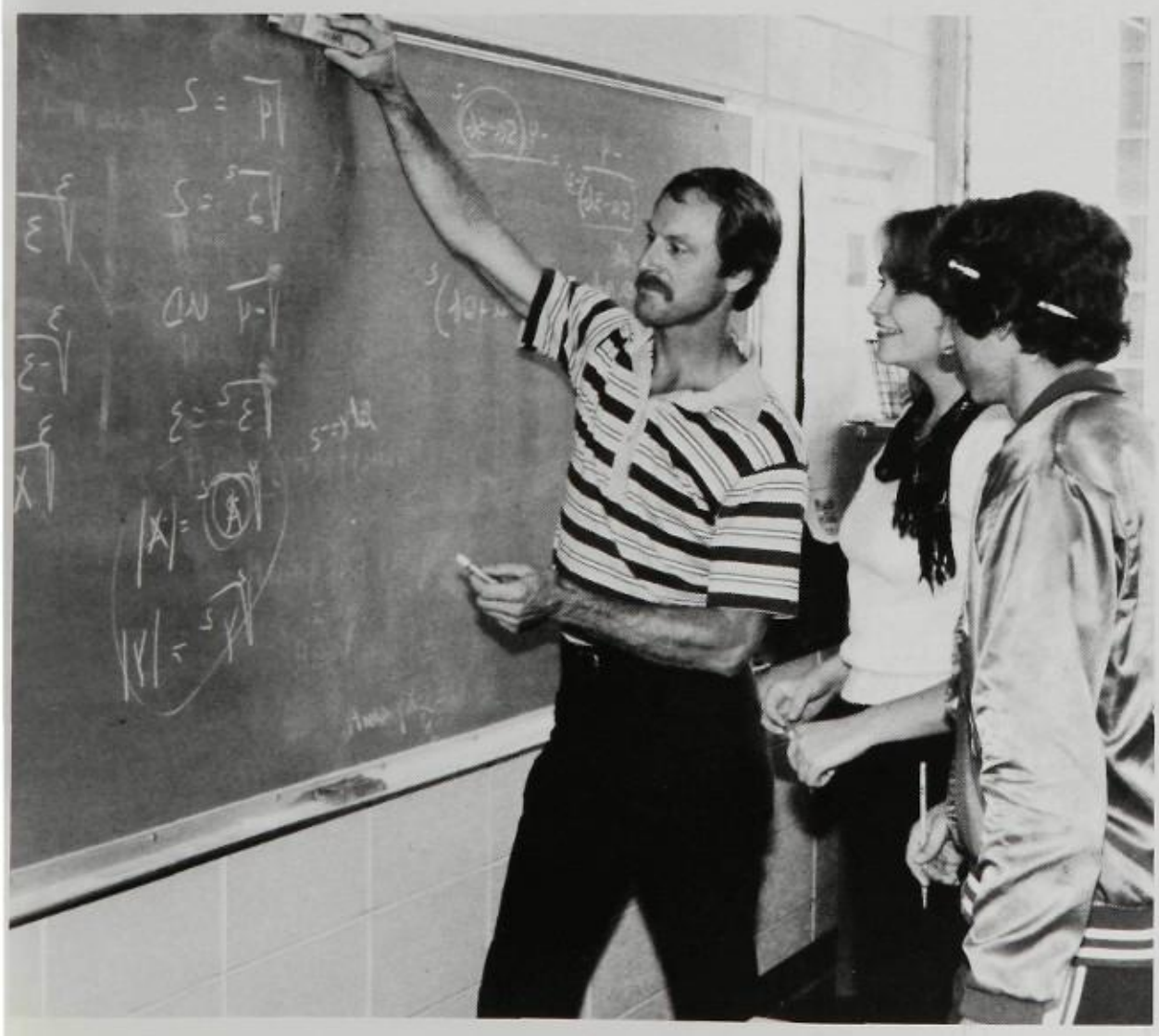
Who said that math was not an important part of a Red Knight's daily life? Whoever believed that never acquired a social security number, called a phone number, read a clock, baked a cake, purchased a McDonald's sandwich, secured a car license tag, had a shoe size, or checked out a girl's vital statistics. Math definitely served a major purpose in the life of Red Knights.

Realizing Math's vital role in society, North Fort Myers High School has numerous course offerings in the field of math. Whether a student used math skills as merely part of his everyday existence, or whether he planned to enter a professional field which required specialized math skills, he would be prepared because of the training provided by the faculty here at North.

North's math faculty, led by department chairperson, *Mrs. Julie Previty*, has been outstanding not only in its teaching skills, but also in its concern for the students. Any day of the week, Red Knights could remain after school hours to acquire personal help from one of the math faculty. Some teachers even gave up their lunch and planning periods to assist students.

In addition to the traditional courses of basic math, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, North High offered business math classes, remedial math courses, and computer math courses. Although it was the age of calculators and computers, Red Knights were still expected to be able to compute using only their brains with no assistance from mechanical equipment.

For whatever reason a Red Knight needed to use math skills, he was prepared because of the courses offered, the professional skills, and concerned attitude of the North Fort Myers High School math teachers.



Eager to learn, *Karen Bussy* and *Richard Bainley* watch *Mr. Skiff* demonstrate a rather hard trigonometry problem.

Instructor *Mr. Wise* aids *Laura Thomas* during a computer programming class.

A Cultural Experience

Upon enrolling in high school a prospective Red Knight is faced with the decision of which courses he should study. Glancing at the Program of Studies he encounters foreign languages, Spanish, French, and German.

North Fort Myers High School has offered the study of these three languages for the majority of its twenty-five year history. Spanish has been the most commonly studied because it has been the most applicable considering our state's proximity to Spanish-speaking countries. Red Knights have been able to learn the basic conversational and written language in Spanish I and II, and then advance to study of the culture and literature in Spanish III and IV. During the past twenty-five years some foreign language students have had the opportunity to travel to Spain and Mexico and try out their proficiency in the language.

Ranking second in enrollment size at North High were the French classes. The flow and beauty of the language quickly enticed many of our "romantic" Red Knights. As soon as they entered the classroom of Mme. Benkhatar, North's French teacher, students thought and spoke only in French. Beginning with the alphabet and numbers, students learned greetings and French names. As they gained proficiency in conversation and grammar, Red Knights then learned folk songs and viewed films about France. As with the Spanish classes, French was offered for four full years. Thus, when a student graduated he was able to speak the language fluently as well as understand the French people and their culture.

German classes were newer to North High than were the Spanish and French classes. Considering the language to be more difficult than the other two "romantic" languages, few students were enrolled in these classes. However, Red Knights in German classes certainly enjoyed their study. *Mrs. Hissam,* North's German teacher, livened up her classes with costumes, posters, songs, and various objects from Germany. Over the years many fortunate students traveled to Germany during the summer vacation to take in the culture, only to return home anxious to return to Germany again one day.

Cultural field trips were a major part of North High's foreign language program. The instructors arranged for groups of students to eat at local restaurants like Casa Lupita, Garcia's, or Cappuccino's. Trips to the Medieval Fair and various other Folk Fairs throughout the state drew a tremendous response from foreign language students. The advanced students in each of the three languages also participated in competitive activities. During our Silver Anniversary, several students won awards for their speaking and writing of their respective foreign language.

Red Knights who did not wish to concentrate on one language for two or four years, but wished to have a basic knowledge of foreign languages, were able to take the "Passport" class. In one year, a student could learn the basics in all three languages — enough for him to "get by" if he ever had the opportunity to travel to Europe, Mexico, or South America.

Red Knights have always been proud of North High School's foreign language program. Department Chairperson, *Ms. Peg Flaharty* said, "The state is recognizing the need for study of (foreign) languages due to the influx of various cultures to Florida. It is always good for one to understand the ways and language of cultures other than our own. That's what make an intelligent, interesting, and well-rounded person." This year, as with the twenty-five previous years, hundreds of Red Knights entered foreign language classes and become those intelligent, interesting, well-rounded individuals.

Spanish students listen attentively while *Tom Tisell* instructs them on their assignments.

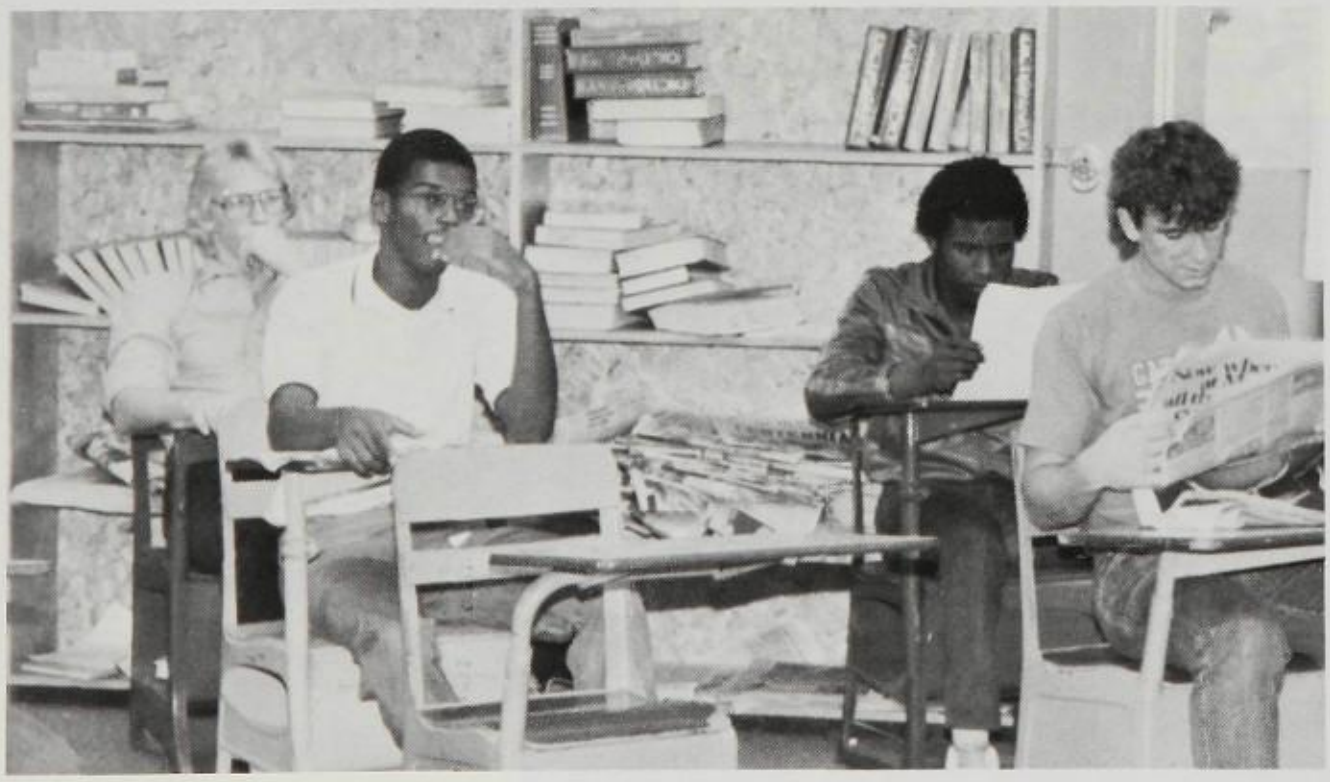
Giving a helping hand *Mrs. Linda Hissam* explains how the Germans live.

Foreign language club members gather around to sample dishes from all over the world.

With a look of hesitation, *Lynn Truskey* prepares herself to go on an adventure by sampling foreign delights.

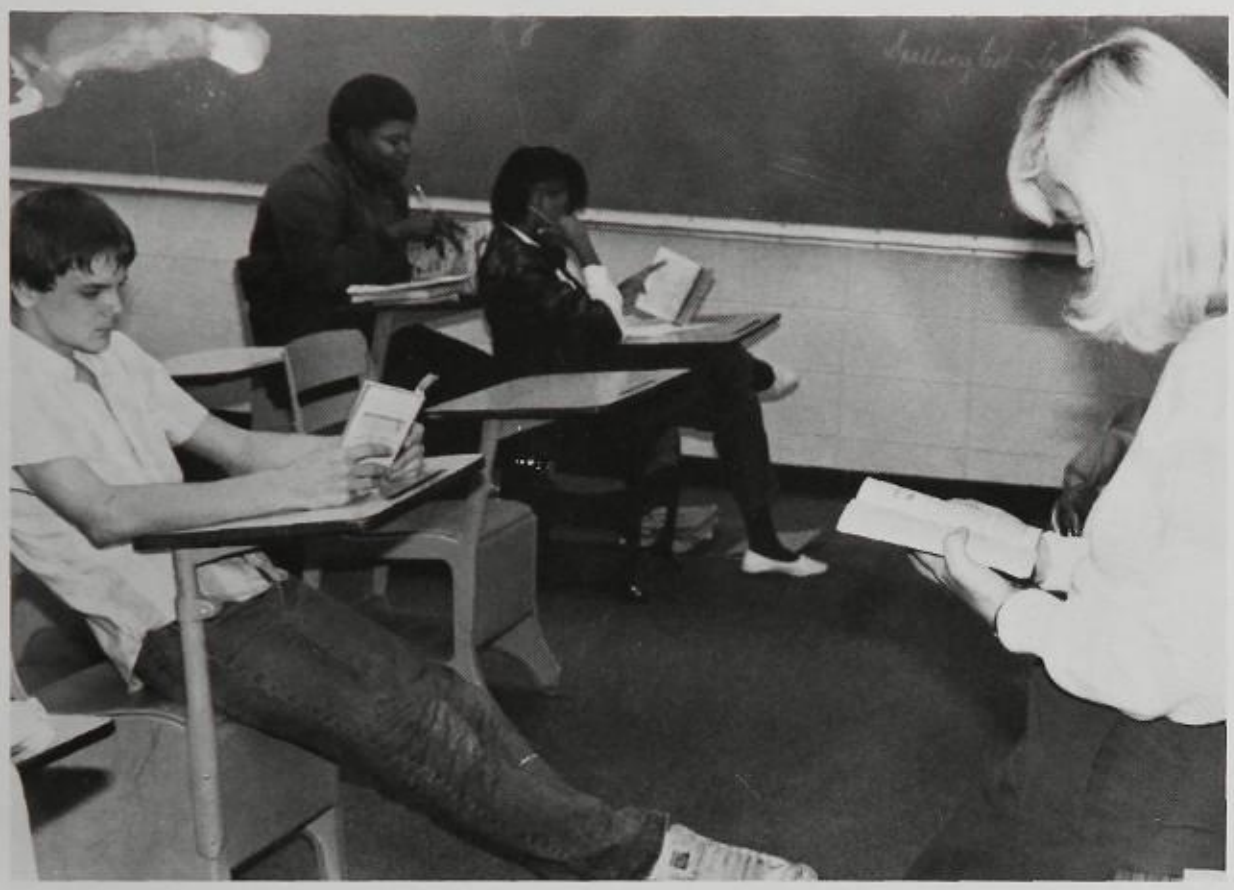
Students contemplate an easier way to learn the vocabulary of the French people.

During a test, *Lisa Olmstead* requires help from *Ms. Pat Wenzel.*



Using a newspaper students learn the skills of editing.

Before the bell rings, *Mr. Dan Marsh* assigns his class the usual homework.



English Instructor *Mrs. Linda Fowler* reviews with her class before a test.

English students find it necessary to request their teacher *Mrs. Shirley Gebhard's* assistance on a research paper.

Effectively Communicating

Although English may not be a favorite course for many Red Knights, it is a course required for all four years of study here at North Fort Myers High School.

Over the past twenty-five years our English curriculum also went through numerous changes. In the early years of North High basic full year courses were offered. This was in keeping with the trend for all subject areas. Very few elective courses were offered. However, in the seventies, a reversal in educational philosophy was prevalent. Instead of the full year basic courses, the trend went to numerous one semester courses, with several electives. At one time, over twenty-one semester courses in English were offered in one year. As with many things in life, cycles are completed and so, it's "back to the basics" once again in high school curriculum.

Red Knights have found that although the subject material may be changed during each of his four years of English classes, the basic objectives remain the same. Each year students read literature and then analyzed and critically evaluated it. During the ninth grade year the literary selections included a potpourri of short stories, poetry, novels, essays, and plays. In the tenth grade year the course included selections from major literary periods and representative authors from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. English 11 was American literature, while English 12 was British literature, both of which were taught in chronological order.

Writing skills were a consistent part of the four-year English program. In the freshman year Red Knights learned the basics in grammar and composition, while in the last three years they used those skills to develop a writing style. Each student had his writing folder in which his weekly assignment was recorded and kept as part of the State Writing Enhancement Program.

In addition to the improvement of writing skills, English students also perfected their oral communication skills each year. This speech training was written into the North High yearly English class because of the speech requirement being dropped by the county.

In order to write and to appreciate literature, students had to be able to read and comprehend the literature. Thus, development of reading skills were integrated into the courses each of the four years.

Red Knights were not without the choice of a few electives in English. Some students enrolled in journalism classes and, with the help of *Mr. Alan Caraway*, published our superb newspaper *Knight Life*. Other students took creative writing and yearbook and published our superior *Lance '85*. Both North publications have always received excellent ratings each year.

Remedial classes were important to many students. Some were full year courses because they failed the State Student Assessment Test and needed extensive remediation in all English skills. Other students were "main streamed" in one or two skills. Mrs. Linda Fowler, North's English remediation teacher, feels that "this state program has been highly successful here at North. Without it, many Red Knights would fail to graduate each year."

As with all North's previous years, this school year of our Silver Anniversary, Red Knights were treated to superior training in English skills by a competent, professional English faculty.

Filming a show, *Don Landis* adjusts his camera to make Red Knights look just right.

Members of the Knight T.V. prepare another program for their fellow Knights.

Lights — Camera — Action

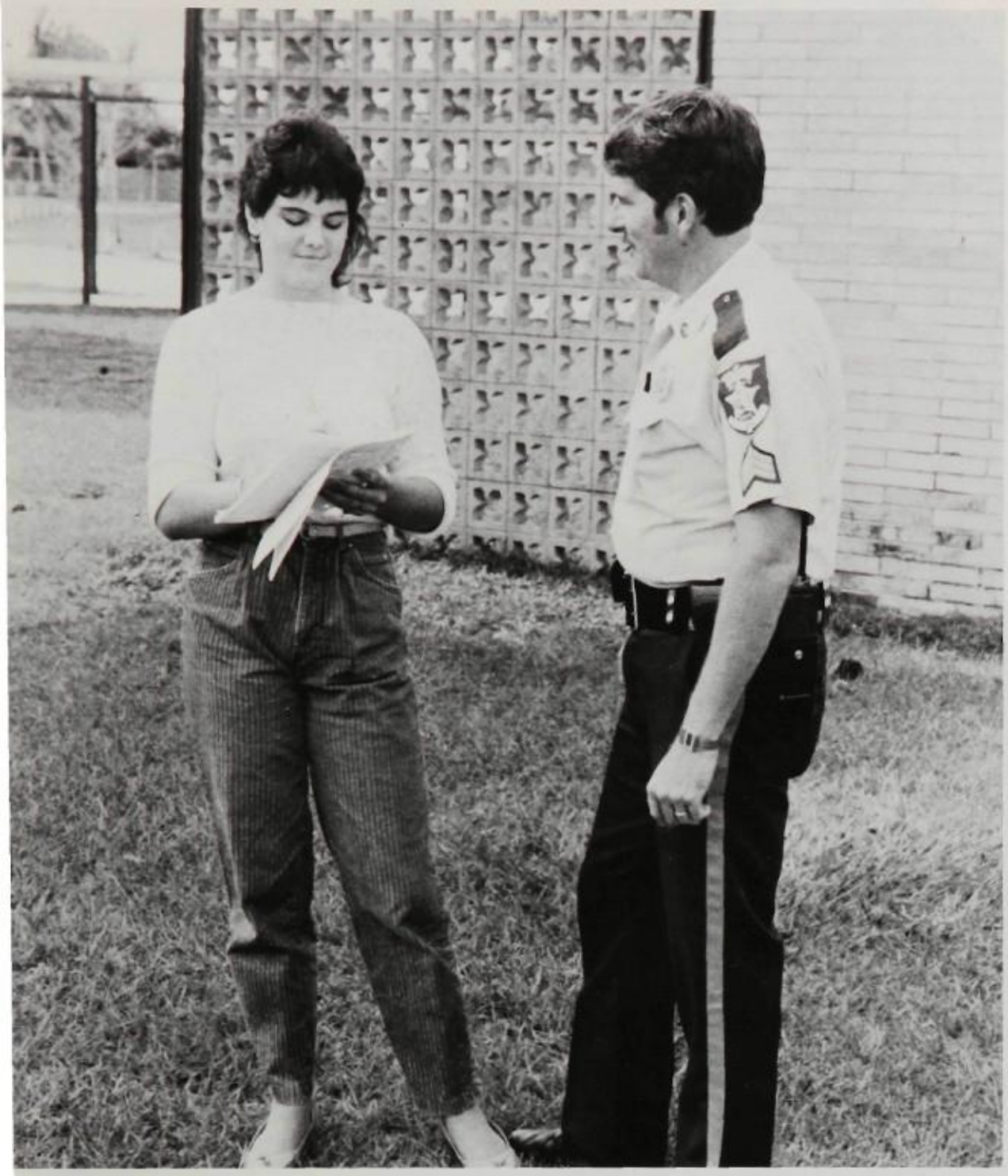
"Two minutes to air time." Sound exciting? It was a term used by the students in a class of T.V. Productions at North during seventh period this year. This has been the first class that offered daily "hands-on" work with television cameras and equipment. The course dealt with the concept of informing and entertaining. Every morning, North High students turned to channel 2 to hear the latest in local, national, and world news events. Even better, they learned of "Red Knight News" through commentary and interviews of the "K-T.V." production staff.

The morning news consisted of the lunch menu, birthdays, club announcements, and special daily schedules. Important news interruptions sometimes occurred during the course of the day with information, sporting events, campus crime stop, or extra curricular activities.

Another unique idea for the crew to film was an art show of their very own. The K-T.V. members had Red Knights contribute their art work: drawings, paintings, and pottery, and set them up as an art show for television.

Students taking the course had the opportunities to learn to work with modern camera and sound equipment. The production crew had a choce of jobs; camera crew member, interviewer, news commentator, or reporter. First hand experience was the best asset to the whole group, and that's where instructor Mr. *Johnny Pate* came in. "Although I knew what I was doing, we all learned the various techniques of filming together." The script was written from interviews and information prepared for reporting by the newscasters.

The stage was set, the cameras were ready, and the reporters were on the scene tracking down hot aspects for new stories. The lights began to dim, as everybody scurried into place, and the producer said "K-T.V. take one!" The ideal course became an enjoyable adventure for all of the devoted creators of the new addition to North High. As they say in T.V., "the show must go on."



K-T.V. reporter, *Debi Strickland* interviews Sergeant *Mike Cliffton* for the next program.

1984-85 Knight T.V.: Front row — LaShawn Metalbrooks, Marsha Addison, Bobbie Jo Little Second row — Mike Holmes, Tammy Davis, Gerrie Devins, Laurie Conrad, Gary Brown Back row — Don Landis, Ron Jiles, Angie Pate, Frank Hopper, Julie Layton, Scott Lee, Anthony Fabiano, Debi Strickland

Camera man, *Frank Hopper*, practices his filming techniques.

Reflections to Be Appreciated

During the last two years a new and exciting course has been offered at North Fort Myers High School. Art teacher *Steve Frank* introduced the course which was designed to enrich the students' sense of aesthetic awareness. By looking at things closely, he was able to see things that he would usually overlook.

Photography as an art form has shown continual growth and awareness in recent years over and above what used to be classified as a device to capture a moment in time or to make a statement.

The essence of photography is to reflect an image of something that should be appreciated and admired, now and in the future.

North's students took their own pictures, developed their own negatives, and made their own prints. They worked on "special" projects and did creative developing techniques.

Photography was designed to be an entry level course working strictly with black and white film and with the 35mm single reflex camera. The student photographer learned the full range of beginning photography from how to use the camera to developing in the darkroom.

Future Rembrandts

Although the art department of North Fort Myers High School is small in size, it has always produced superior quality works. The advanced art class, taught by instructors *Mr. Steve Frank,* spent considerable time and effort in illustrating *Excaliber* selections, doing artwork throughout our Silver Anniversary Edition of *Lance,* designing programs for other departments, creating attractive displays, and doing various other services for both school and community groups.

The art department course offerings were increased during the 1984-85 school year so that more Red Knights could acquire an appreciation of the various arts. Classes ranged from beginning drawing to advanced drawing, ceramics, art sculpturing, and special classes such as printmaking and photography.

Instructor *Lavon Simms* related that "the drawing classes were designed to give students the basic fundamentals of drawing and composition." In this class students were exposed to a variety of drawing media and were taught peculiar techniques to achieve a prize-winning piece of art.

Figure drawing and portraiture were taught by rendering good drawings of the human figure. Student models and photographic references were used to show proportion and structure.

Originality, creativity, and the opportunity to develop skills were found in ceramic classes. Red Knights experienced hand built projects, right up to pulling clay pots off a wheel. Glazing techniques and kiln procedures were taught for final touches and safety methods. Ceramics was an art class designed to give students experience in three-dimensional design.

For the second year, photography was a class offered here at North High. Enrollment in this unique and enthusiastic class greatly increased during this Silver Anniversary year. The students worked strictly with black and white film and were required to obtain their own 35 mm camera. They learned how to use and take care of their cameras, how to shoot good pictures, and how to develop quality prints in the darkroom. These students learned "special effects" techniques during second semester.

Red Knight art students again entered the annual Junior Welfare League Art Show at Edison Community College. Top awards were reaped by our artists at this mid-January show. Several other community shows were participated in by future Red Knight Rembrandts.

Red Knights were very fortunate to have such a widely broadened variety of art course offerings during this past year. The quality products of our talented students greatly enhanced the hallways of the Red Knight Kingdom.

Art student *Julie Barber* creates a drawing of her favorite creature.

While making pottery, *Angela Gainer* finds that clay is sometimes difficult to work with.

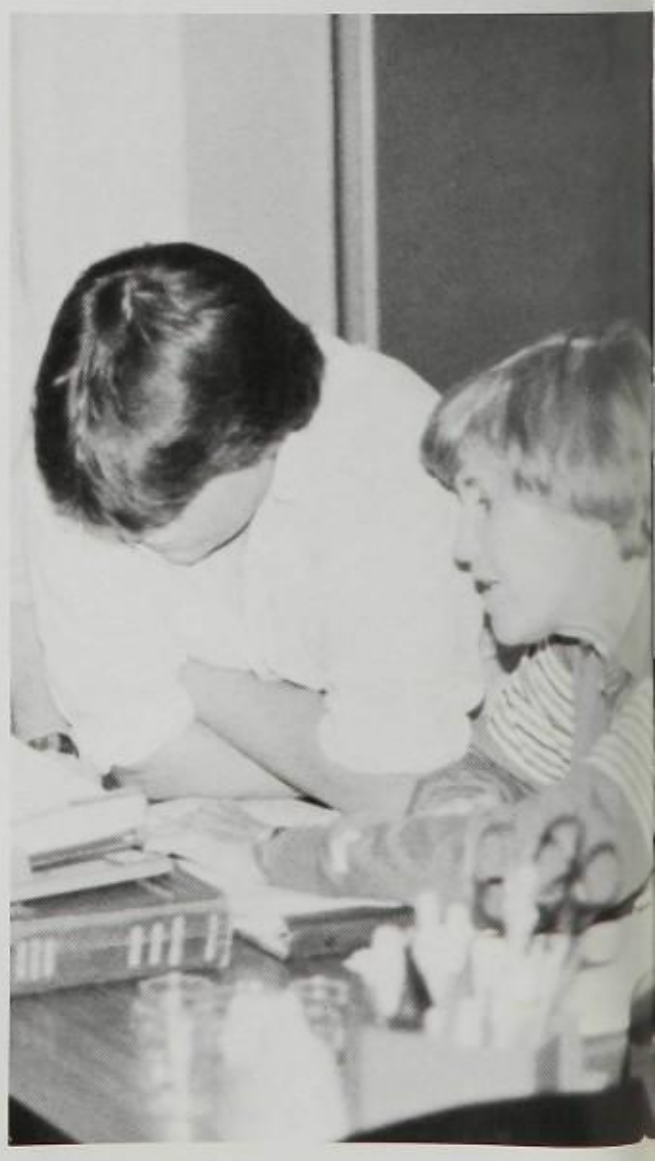
Expert drawing student *Kim Culver* is hard at work on a detailed sketch.

Adding the finishing touches to her coiled pot is *Michelle Morrison.*

Red Knight *Michelle Core* demonstrates her drawing ability.

AP student *John Mueller* examines an interesting creature under the microscope.

While working on a Biology assignment, members of *Mrs. Bishop's* class find her humorous.



Science student *Joe Yerkes* calls on *Mrs. Betty Kayusa* for help.

Quick work is necessary in a science experiment as *Lori Pastirik* and *Lizette Patterson* are learning with the aid of *Mr. Lee Werst*.

As *Mrs. O'Grady* tells her class about a plant, some students find it more interesting to talk to their neighbors.

Experimenting for Life

Standing southeast of North High School's swimming pool is a relatively new building on our campus. It houses all the science classrooms and science laboratories. In these rooms students have studied and analyzed organisms and experimented with them.

During the past twenty-five years Red Knights have experienced a trend for society to become much more technological and computer oriented. The science program at North Fort Myers High School has attempted to help students develop the intellectual reasoning for continued learning. The faculty designed the program for both the students who would not continue their formal education after high school and those who would pursue additional formal education.

All North's students received instruction in either biological or physical science. Some of the courses were lecture-oriented, while others were lab-oriented. In many cases, a math course was needed as a prerequisite for a science class.

Red Knights found great pleasure in mixing different chemicals and then observing the reaction produced. Sometimes the results were just as they expected, while other times the results were a complete surprise.

If a student entered another classroom on campus with dry, smelly hands, he possibly just completed the dissection of a dead frog, shark, pig, starfish, earthworm, or any of the organs of a cow.

Upperclassmen may have reminded some people of elementary-aged students when they used crayons, colored pencils, or even colored markers to color in the parts of the human body in their workbooks. Actually, these juniors and seniors were studying human anatomy and physiology.

Samples of water and soil were collected by environmental science students as they explored topics in pollution, land use, and their roles in both causing and solving problems related to the environment.

Students who were planning to pursue careers in science were enrolled in the advanced and honors courses, physics, chemistry, and science research.

Once again, as with earlier years, Red Knights participated in the Lee County Science Fair. Students invented their own projects and spent as long as three months working on them for the event on February 1st-10th.

Red Knights may not be Einsteins of the future, but they know how to live in and cope with this highly technological society.

Business student *James Viglione* types a formal letter.

Finding out that a computer can be a tremendous asset in business class is *Angela Morrison*.

Beginnings of Their Futures

After graduation, some Red Knight alumni switched from tennis shoes, jeans and T-shirts to dresses, hose, and heels or suits, shirts, and ties. These graduates became secretaries, bankers, realtors, travel agents, accountants, and managers. In order to assume such positions, one had to have adequate background and training in business. North Fort Myers High School has annually offered business courses which have given students the basis for career success.

Pursuance of a business career was not a requisite for selecting one of the courses. Many students enrolled in typing classes in order to master the skills for personal use. Realizing the advantage of knowing how to type, Red Knights pounded out A-S-D-F-J-K-L-; for a few days to learn placement of the typewriter keys. Timed typing tests helped students cut down the number of errors while increasing their speed.

Some college-bound students joined clerical students in shorthand classes. They knew that college professors had a tendency to lecture fast and long, so they decided that in order to capture the necessary facts, they would benefit from knowing shorthand skills.

Those Red Knights who were destined for careers in the business of major corporations found it desirable to take business math, business management and business law. They learned not only how to establish and run businesses, but how to deal with personnel, how to solve problems and make decisions, and also what the law stated regarding small and corporate businesses.

Some Red Knights did not desire the management aspect of business and engaged in perfecting clerical skills of filing, typing, and bookkeeping. These students knew that the more proficient they were in each skill, the better would be their job and likewise, the better would be their salaries.

In order to assist future business personnel, an annual Career Day has been held at North Fort Myers High School for the past years. On this our Silver Anniversary, an even bigger and better representation from local occupations was available. Students became acquainted with occupational possibilities by the most highly competent business leaders of Lee County. Advice and vital information were related to North students as they questioned Lee County's successful business leaders.

Besides the actual proficiency in business skills, North High's classes in business helped Red Knights develop the attitude required in the actual business world. They acquired the professionalism of dealing with management, personnel, and the public.

Whether a student was destined as a secretary, court reporter, McDonald's manager, interior designer, fashion merchandiser, realtor, or travel agent, he gained confidence in his abilities through our business courses.

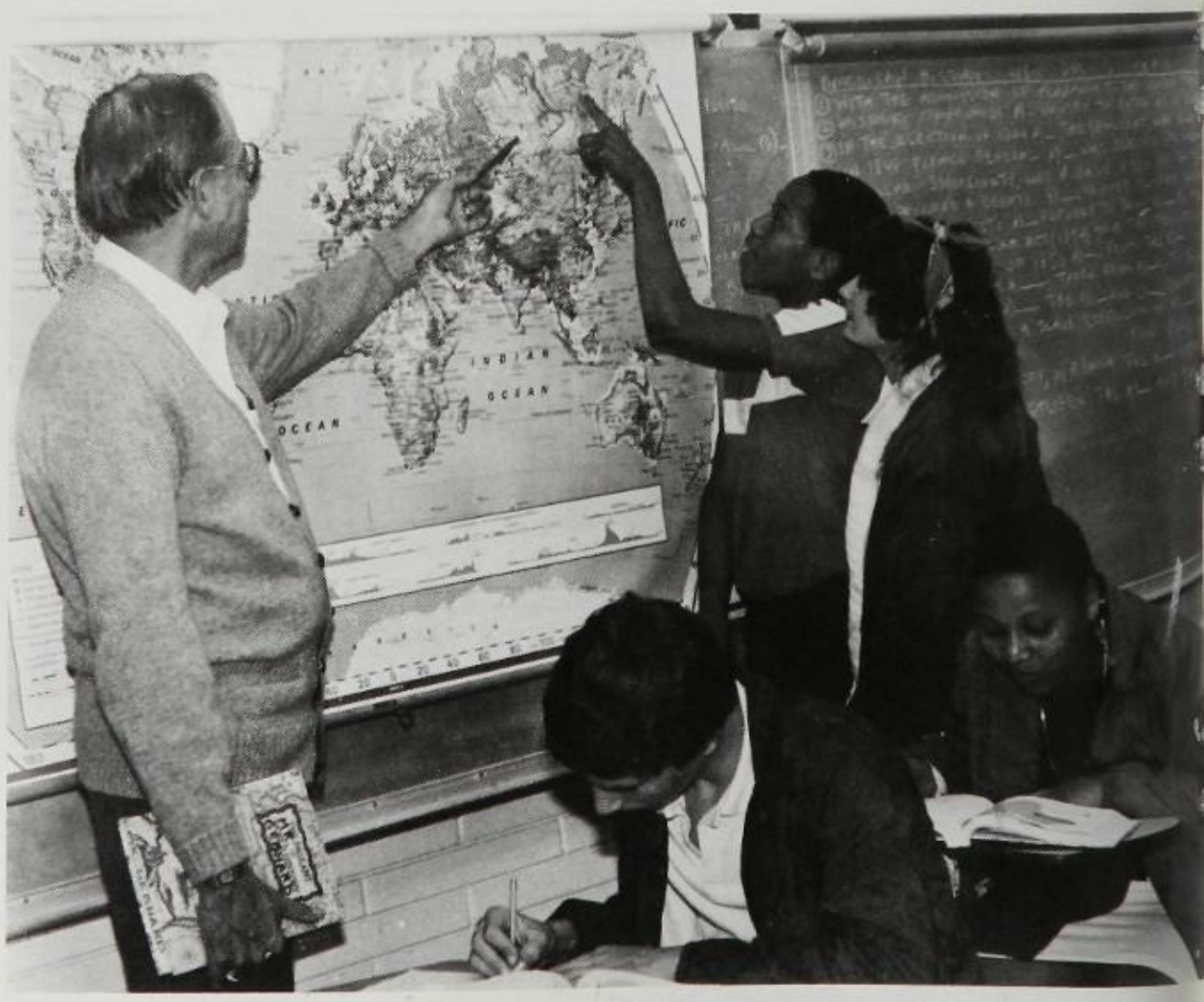
Red Knight *Steve Delvecchio* sometimes finds it necessary to ask *Mr. Wise* for help on the computer.

Typing student, *Donna Bradley*, is all set up and ready to type away.

Learning that typing is almost a requirement in today's world is *Linda Barksdale*.

It takes a good question to stump history teacher *Mr. Leroy Dewey*.

Mr. George Mayo discusses grades with civic students *Jimmy Miller* and *Keith Greene*.



Mr. Fred Gebhard corrects World History student *Felix Johnson* as classmate *Kelly McGuiness* looks on.

Reliving the Past

A very relevant and important aspect of North Fort Myers High School's educational training has been the curriculum in social studies. Preparing students to be participating citizens is the goal of the social studies department. The teachers help Red Knights develop decision-making competence and understand how individuals, groups, governments and economic systems relate to each other. While concerned with past civilizations and their links to present ones, the social studies instructors teach democratic values and responsibility to society and the world.

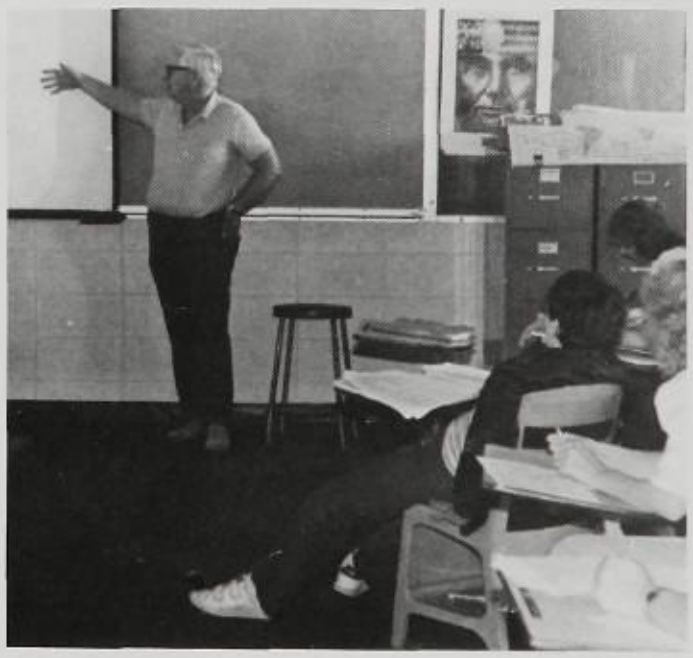
North's department has seen many changes throughout these twenty-five years. As graduation requirements changed in Lee County, the number of required social studies credits increased and several electives were added. College credit for advanced placement courses such as international relations, American history, and European history was made available for high school students. The once-dreaded AVC requirement was dropped, but replaced by a requirement in economics.

Social studies teacher, *Mr. Leroy Dewey*, has been on North's faculty since 1964 and has witnessed the trends in requirements. "At one time, numerous electives like anthropology, sociology, and psychology were offered. As years went on, the number of electives were cut back, but there was an increase in number of advanced placement courses."

Although many high school alumni remember their social studies classes as being dull — a mere recitation of names and dates, our North High staff has been known to add pizazz to the regular book work. Appropriate video tapes, movies, and novels were introduced into the course of study a few years ago. In this, our Silver Anniversary year, social studies teachers teamed with English teachers to prepare and "perform" debates related to the Presidential elections. Serveral faculty members of the social studies department were "famous" for their "historical anecdotes."

Those historical names and dates were vital to our country's establishment. Red Knights have learned and respected the ideals and principles on which this nation — "home of the free and the brave" — was built. They have understood why people of other nations have and do envy, idolize and respect America. From the facts, names and statistics learned in social studies classes, North students have gained a greater respect for their country, its leaders, lawmakers, and everyday citizens.

During this Silver Anniversary year, Red Knights continued the very same traditions on which our nation was established. North students, because of their acquaintance with local, state, national, and international concerns and affairs, became well-qualified voters and lawmakers of the future. Even more important, on the personal level, they acquired a great respect and love for their United States of America.



Students are forever taking notes from *Mr. Robert Bjurstrom's* famous overhead transparencies.

AVC teacher *Mr. Bob Kayusa* reviews the chapter for tomorrow's test.

Practicing a common scale is instructor *Melanie Loy*.

Sight reading a difficult score *Adam Fain* concentrates to produce quality tone.

Sweetly Singing Strings

Orchestra was once again alive and well this year at North Fort Myers High School, thanks to Mrs. *Melanie Loy*. From its introduction into the curriculum in 1968, the orchestra class has had its share of problems. Some years the class was cancelled due to an insufficient number of students enrolled. Another problem was the fact that the string teacher had to travel among two or more schools to teach one or two classes at each. Although merely eighteen students were enrolled this past school year, Mrs. *Loy* eagerly anticipates a growth in the future.

Dealing principally with stringed instruments, the '84-85 orchestra consisted of ten violins, six violas, one cello, and one double bass. Unlike the marching band, orchestra did not march in parades or put on football halftime shows. They did, however, entertain and perform before appreciative audiences throughout the school year. Several types of music were played in the class, ranging from classical selections to easy listening, and even pops.

Performing with the great Red Knight Marching Band at the Bell Tower Mall on December 21st, the orchestra joined in the celebration of the holidays.

The Red Knight orchestra also participated in the annual spring Lee All-County Honor's Orchestra. Continuing to keep busy, the musicians accompanied the cast of *West Side Story* duringthe March musical.

Playing a stringed musical instrument and reading a musical chart requires concentration, dedication, and most definitely, much talent. The North High musicians displayed the Red Knight tradition of talent and excellence. May the orchestra class continue to remain alive and well as part of North Fort Myers High School.

Red Knights *Anne Viser* and *Julie Oliver* practice for an upcoming concert.

1984 Orchestra: Front row — Adam Fain, Shandra Jackson, Heidi Volgelsong, Greg Barker, Sabrina Williams, Donna Fletcher, Tammy Mattox, Keith Cronin. Back row — Mrs. Loy, Denise Williams, Samara Iodice, Jennifer Easily, Mike Hill, Amy Mathis, Jenny Greer, Julie Oliver, Anne Viser, James Scroggie

James Scroggie, the only bass player in orchestra plays his selection.

Members of the Class of '85 display their pride of being the graduates of the Silver Anniversary.

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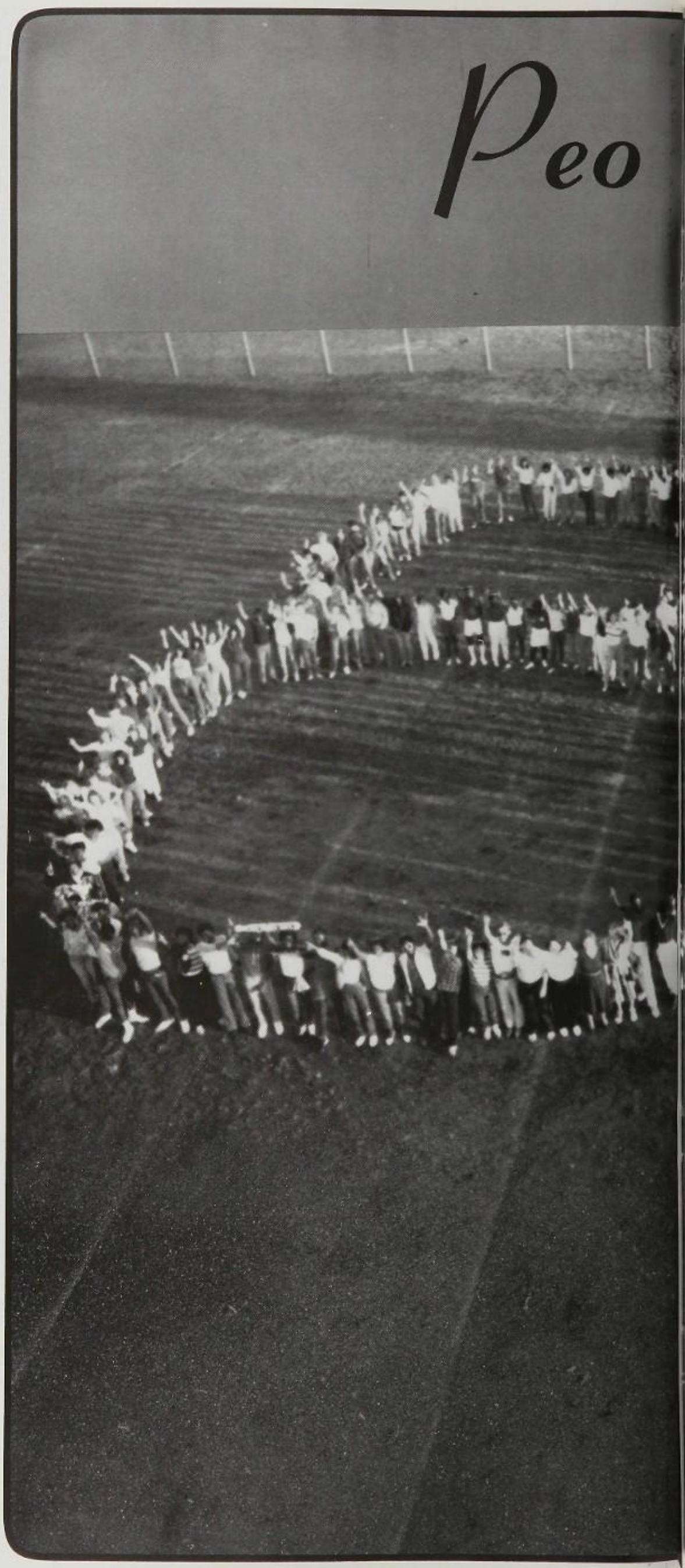

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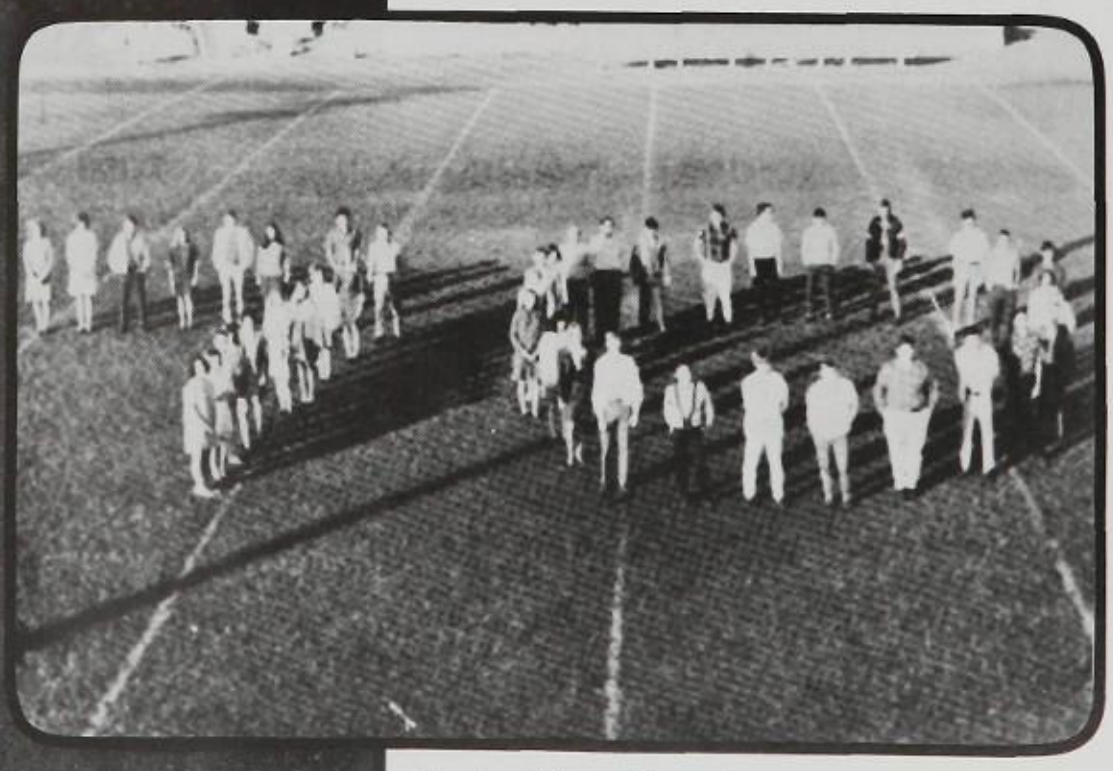
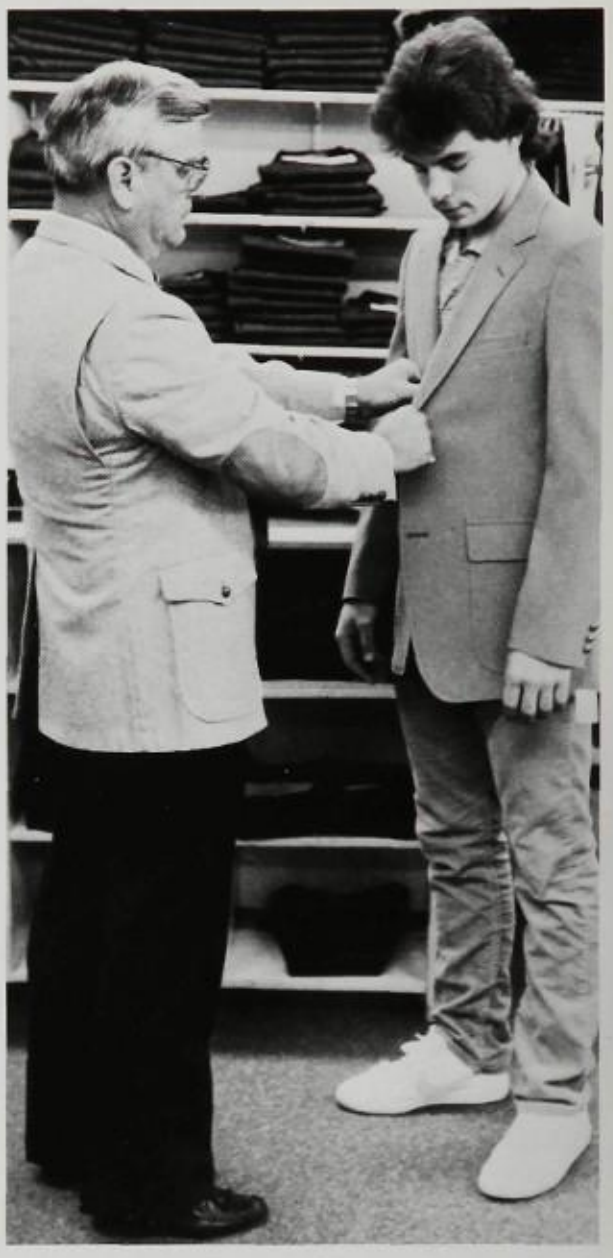
Twenty-five years ago, right in the midst of Hurricane Donna's aftermath, North Fort Myers Junior-Senior High School opened its doors to a family of Red Knights which would establish loyalty, pride and spirit for generations of students who would occupy those same facilities. Between the first and twenty-fifth years, North High has experienced numerous ups and downs but, thanks to the people, North has survived and improved. Names, faces, rules, and facilities have changed, but the Red Knight pride has never changed.

As North High celebrates the challenge of another quarter of a century, the class of '85 faces the challenge of stepping out into the real world. North High Red Knights have always accepted challenges and changes with anticipation of success. It is the people that make North Fort Myers High School what it has been and what it is today — full of spirit and pride!



The class of 1970 celebrate the turn of a new decade.

Picking out a suit to wear for Homecoming *Steve Webster* gets fitted by *Mr. Bud*.



Mr. John Pare explains the rules for Grad Nite '85 to seniors *Dianna Heinkel, Rick Whidden,* and *Steve Pate*.

Top-Notch Expense

Four years ago, the class of '85 dreamed about becoming seniors. Now that the time had arrived, they realized just how expensive their last year would be. There were so many things they wanted to do, but it began to get costly.

Even before the school year officially started, seniors were receiving appointment cards to have their senior portraits taken at Bryn-Alan Studio. There was a sitting fee of $4.00, and when the proofs arrived, the photo packages were ordered for prices anywhere from $9.95 to $131.00.

When school finally opened, seniors started off the new year by buying senior derby packages for $10.00. In that package were spirit ribbons for all football games, N #1 pins, and one senior derby. There were also T-shirts to be bought for $7.00. These few things were just the beginning of the long road of money-spending for the class of '85.

In December the time had finally come for the seniors to be fitted for their cap and gown. These were bought for $20.00 and the extra tassel for their car's rear-view mirror was bought for $3.00 each. There was excitement in the air when it was time to order graduation announcements, calling cards, memory albums, and senior jewelry. With so many things to choose from, the cost kept getting higher and higher. Even with all this, there were yearbooks to buy with an early cost of $20.00 and a late cost of $25.00.

Some things were more fun spending money on than other things. Taking the SAT or ACT was not one of the fun things, but it was a required test for students planning to attend college. Going on the Senior Cruise was definitely one of the more fun things on which to spend money. This year's trip to Mexico cost each senior $450.00. "Grad Night," a yearly trip to Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom, was yet another expense for the seniors. Seniors and their dates went on this all-night trip for the cost of $30.00 a person.

The ticket for the Senior Prom was free for seniors, but they still had to buy corsages or boutonnieres, their dresses or tuxedos, and the traditional "dinner out" before the dance. So, even though the dance was free, everything that accompanied it cost more and more money.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors always dream about becoming a senior. It was the highlight of high school years for some. The senior year was fun and games, but it cost money!

In the spirit of the holiday, *Michelle Core* purchases a candy-gram from *Mrs. Linda Hissam* for Valentines Day.

Picking out her cabin for the senior cruise, *Lori Hayworth* confers with *Mrs. Anne Hurley* of Tropic Travel.

Dianna Heinkel examines her tassel for graduation as Senior sponsor *Miss Andrea Getzlaff* measures her head for a graduation cap.

The Class of '85

Decisions! Decisions! The members of this year's senior executive council found that planning their activities for their final year of high school was more difficult than it had been any prior year. Perhaps this was because they realized the major importance of these decisions.

The real decision-making began that spring, right after the senior class officers were elected. On June 1, 1984 president *Debretta Jones,* vice-president *Toni Giffin,* treasurer *Amy Juliano,* secretary *Heidi Williams,* class coordinator *Lori Pastirik,* and senior class sponsors *Mrs. Marsha Bishop, Miss Andrea Getzlaff,* and *Mr. John Pate* assembled in *Mr. Stickles'* office to select the graduation announcements for 1985. A few days later, they all met again to choose designs for spirit ribbons and senior derbies.

The officers initiated the concept of senior homeroom representatives to assist in communicating all the invaluable senior information to all members of the class of '85.

These executive council members kept busy during the fall selling the derbies, weekly spirit ribbons, homecoming ribbons and senior tee-shirts. Once they completed these tasks, the executive council members began making the "big" plans. They organized those three long-awaited events — Grad Night, Baccalaureate, and Graduation '85. How many buses would they need? Who would chaperone? Where would they hold Baccalaureate? Who did they want to deliver the address? What portion of Graduation would each officer present? How would they raise the money needed to cover graduation expenses?

Once all those important questions were amicably answered, the senior executive council took on additional fund-raising projects. In the cold weather of January and February, these staunch-hearted, determined-to-graduate seniors washed cars, trucks, and vans for United Telephone Company.

As the long-awaited event approached, every single member of the senior executive council could honestly say, "It certainly *was* worth all the troubles."

SEC: **Front Row** — *Mende Hughes, Monica Skinner, Beth Gurnham, Marsha Addison, Maria Kapcin, Ralph Black, Todd Kirby.* **2nd Row** — *Lisa Garrett, Stacy Williams, Paula Howze, Jake Hemed, Febra Scudder, Carol Petry, Billy Atkins, Kallyn Harmon, John French, Lori Hayworth, Darrell Davis, Tracy Jordan, Dawn Morrison, Cindy Esquivel, Anna Jones, Tangela Reed.* **3rd Row** — *Marsha Bishop — Sponsor, Chris Beckos, Angela Morrison, Alan Clairmont, Kevin Chalmers, Connie Burke, Kane Richmond, Cindy Summerall, Curt Gully, Sharon Harris, Jamie Black, Lynn Truskey, Jackie White, Dianna Heinkel, Cindy Weber, Wendy Tryon.* **4th Row** — *President Delretta Jones, Class Coordinator Lori Pastirik,* **Back Row** — *Secretary Heidi Williams, Vice-President Toni Giffin, Treasurer Amy Juliano*

Our Moments of Today Are Our Memories of Tomorrow

Brian Aalto
Marsha Addison
James Albritton
Michael Allman
Jackson Amerson

Rhonda Archer
Amy Ashton
Steven Asselin
William Atkins
Donald Balsley

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Chris Beckos

Grace, charm, sensitivity, intelligence, and confidence are inherent characteristics of Hall of Fame member **Chris Beckos.** She has studied dance and has performed since she was a youngster. She was also a senior Babe Ruth batgirl for two years and was active in school functions, while holding a 3.86 grade point average. As a junior, she was chosen by judges who represented Connie Mack to be North's delegate in a trip to Washington, D.C.

"Education is the keystone of all intelligence and is very important," says **Chris.** "But most of all, I feel that everyone should live and let live; and be themselves when building new foundations throughout their lives."

Chris plans to continue her education and attain her Bachelor's degree, and then enter a dental program, specializing in orthodontics. Her goals are "to be successful in my endeavors, meet the perfect husband, and raise a family, and to someday open my own practice."

Brian Aalto
Marhsa Addison – Track 10; DECA 11; T.V. Production 12.
James Albritton – East Bay H.S., FL 9; J.V. Basketball 10; Track 10-12.

Michael Allman – Cape Coral H.S., FL 9,10; **LANCE 12.**
Rhonda Archer
Amy Ashton – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10, 12; Concert Band 9; Treasurer on Band Council 11, 12.

Steve Asselin
William Atkins – Band 9-12; Student Government.
Donald Balsley

RED KNIGHT HALL of FAME

Constance Burke

Energy, brains, and a sparkling personality are just a few qualities Hall of Fame member **Connie Burke** possesses. **Connie** has been a varsity cheerleader for three years. During her senior year she was captain of the varsity squad and also vice president of National Honor Society.

Although **Connie** first appears to be "quiet," this explosive young lady generates enthusiasm and praise for her school and community. She comments that the "faculty's good teacher-student relationship, and the variety of people here at North make it the best school in Lee County."

After graduation, **Connie's** future plans are to attend Edison Community College for one year and then transfer to a major four-year university.

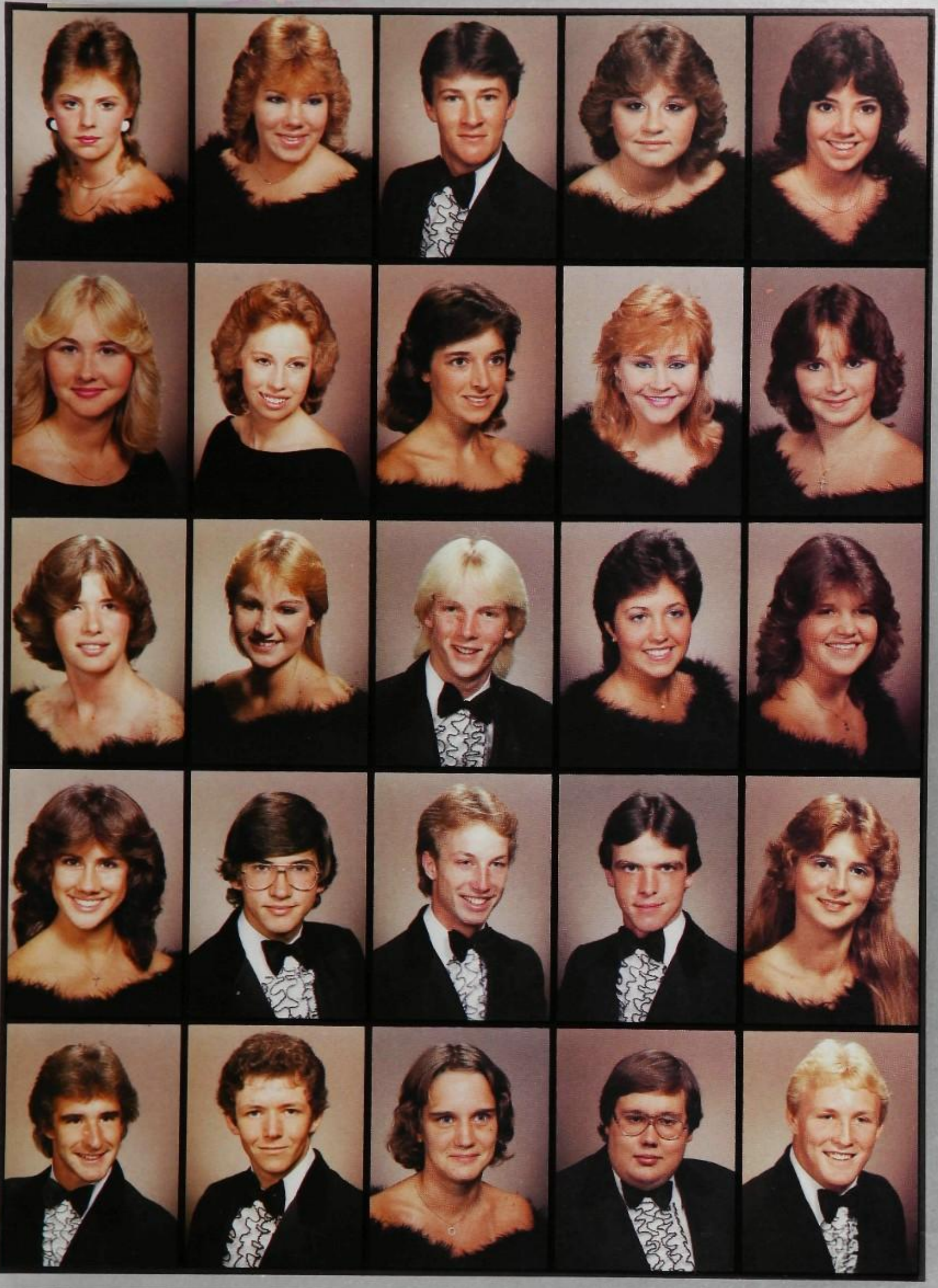
"Live each day to the fullest, dream about your future, and get the best out of life," sum up **Connie's** philosophy of life.

Julia Barber
Linda Barksdale
Michelle Barnhill
Cheryl Bauchert
Lisa Baucom

Christine Beckos
Cynthia Bellamy
Glenn Bitter
Jamie Black
Ralph Black

Candace Boring
Annie Bostic
Tony Bouie
Robyn Bowker
Nathanial Brand

Julia Barber
Linda Barksdale – German Club; Basketball 10, 11; Softball 11, 12.
Michelle Barnhill – Chorus 10-12.
Cheryl Bauchert
Lisa Baucom
Christine Beckos – FAP; SAP 1; Executive Council 10-12; NHS 11, 12; President 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Girls' State; J.V. Cheerleading Co-Captain 10; LANCE 10; Math Team 9-12; Powder Puff Football 10-12; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students 12.
Cynthia Bellamy – Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12; YAC 11, 12; DECA 12.
Glenn Bitter – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Drum Major 12; Student Government 11, 12; Vice President 11; Boys' State 11.
Jamie Black – Executive Council 9-12; Secretary 10; SAP; Racquetball Club 11; Science Club 11; Social Studies Club 11.
Ralph Black
Candace Boring – Spanish Club 9-11; Executive Council 10; FHA 12; Track 9-12; Cross Country 11, 12; Spirit Club 9-12.
Annie Bostic – German Club; YAC.
Tony Bouie
Robyn Bowker – FFA 9.
Nathanial Brand – J.V. Football 9-10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12.



Pamela Brennan
Kelly Bridges
Gary Brown
Jo Ann Brown
Tammy Broxterman

Michele Buckhanan
Christina Burden
Constance Burke
Karen Bussey
Lorry Caputo

Josette Carter
Kimberly Carter
Roger Carver
Karen Casey
Tiffany Castle

Marie Catania
Dale Caughey
Kevin Chalmers
Mark Chester
Kathie Childs

Alan Clairmont
Michael Clevenger
Shirley Connors
Jeffrey Conrad
David Cooke

Pamela Brennan
Kelly Bridges
Gary Brown – Swim Team 9; J.V. Baseball 9, 10; Spirit Club 11; Varsity Baseball 12.
Jo Ann Brown
Tammy Broxterman – Logan Jr. H.S., Kansas; Basketball 9; Track 9-12; Executive Council 10; Cross Country 11; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students 12.
Michelle Buckhannan
Christine Burden – Fairdal H.S., KY; Track 10; FBLA 12.
Constance Burke – J.V. Cheerleader 9; Executive Council 9-12; Treasurer 11; Knight Life 9; SAP; Varsity Cheerleader 10-12; Captain 12; NHS 11, 12; Vice President 12; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students.

Karen Bussey – French Club 9; Executive Council 9; Excaliber 9; German Club 12; DECA 12; Drama Club 12.
Lorry Caputo – DECA 12; FHA 12.
Josette Carter
Kim Carter
Roger Carver
Karen Casey
Tiffany Castle – Bowie H.S., MD; **LANCE** 12; Index Editor, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12.
Maria Catania – Fort Myers Christian 9; Child Care 10; FHA 11; FBLA 11; Vo-Tech 12.
Dale Caughey

Kevin Chalmers – Track 10; Football 11; Science Club 12; Soccer Team 12; Golf Team 12.
Mark Chester – Basketball 10.
Kathie Childs – Vinto H.S., LA; Smyrna H.S., TN; Chorus 9, 10; French Club 9, 12; Spirit Club 9-11; FBLA 12.
Alan Clairmant – Cape Coral H.S., FL 9; Varsity Football 10.
Michael Clevenger
Shirley Connors – Chorus 9, 10.
Jeffery Conrad
David Cooke – Key Club 9, 10; German Club 9; Track 9-12; Football 9-12; Soccer Team 12; Golf Team 10-12; Tennis Team 9, 10.

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Toni Giffin

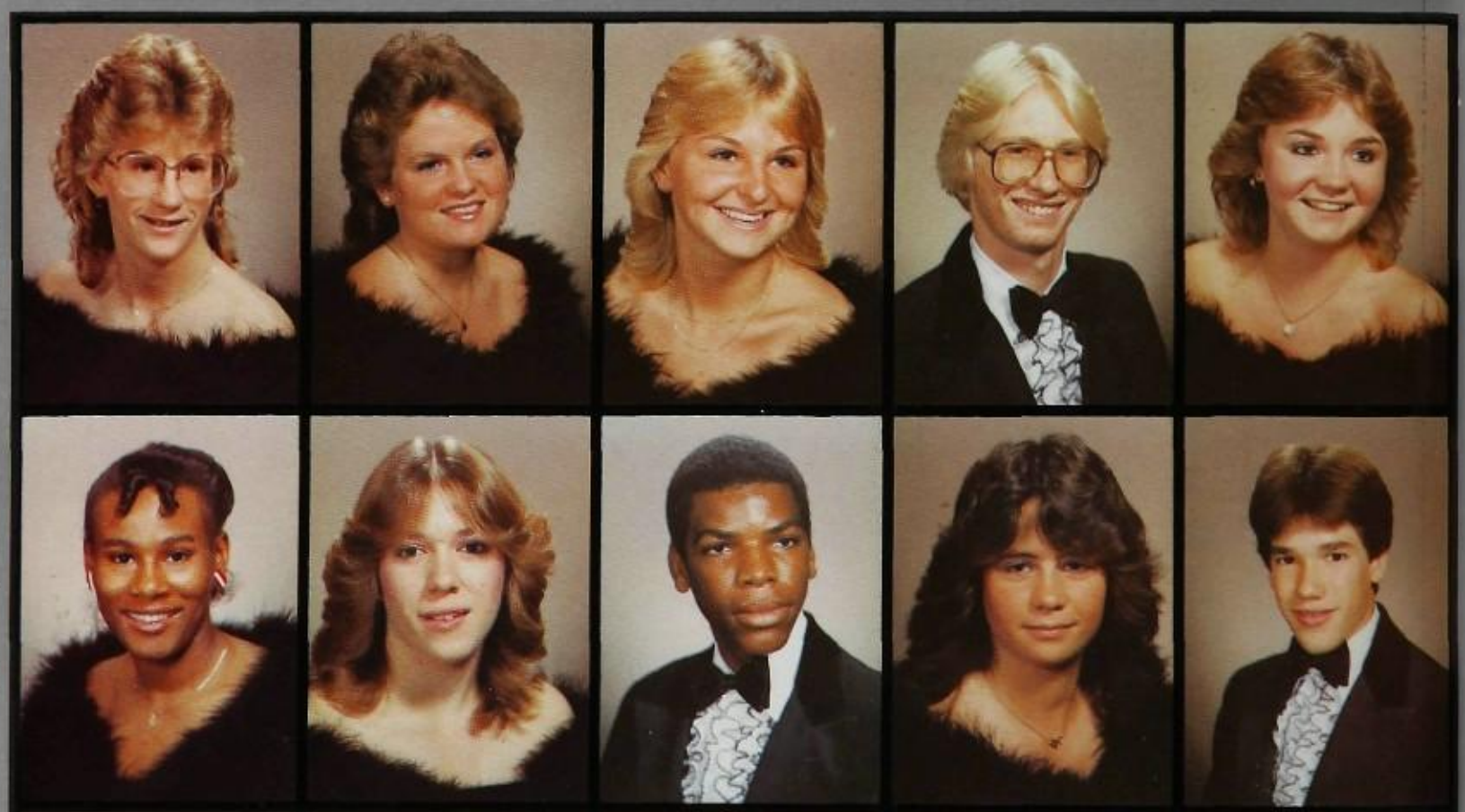
Hall of Fame member **Toni Giffin** has the poise of a model, the sophistication of royalty, the confidence of a politician, and the intelligence and instinct of a prophet.

This extraordinary young lady has been active on campus in numerous organizations. She has participated in executive councils, band, swimming, and varsity cheerleading. She has also maintained a superior grade point average.

Toni's personal life has been fulfilled by her involvement in Church. She feels that God is her greatest asset in life. Her love for the Lord has given her strength, growth and love for mankind.

Her goal is to be successful in life. After high school **Toni** plans to attend the University of South Florida or the University of Florida to pursue a career in medicine. Although a career is very important to her, her family of the future will always come first.

Vicki Cooley
Julie Cooper
Michelle Core
Richard Crager
Kimberly Culver



Shairon Curry
Ann Daly
Travis Dantley
Carla Davis
Robert Davis

Tyrone Davis
Shad Dean
Jeanette Dials
Richard Dobson
Carl Douglas

Vickie Cooley – Knight Life 11; DECA 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Government 9.
Julie Cooper – Swim Team 9; CBE 11; President 12.
Michelle Core – Interact 11, 12; **LANCE** 11, 12; Bus. Manager 12.
Richard Crager
Kim Culver – Spirit Club 9; Executive Council 10; Interact 11, 12; **LANCE** 11, 12; Ad. Manager.
Shairon Curry – YAC 12.
Ann Daly – Bishop Verot H.S., FL 9; J.V. Volleyball 9; DECA 12.
Travis Dantley
Carla Davis – Spirit Club 9; Executive Council 10-12; Interact 12; DECA 12.
Robert Davis – Band 9-12; Baseball 10-12; Swim Team 10-12.
Tyrone Davis
Shad Dean
Jeanette Dials – Spanish Club 9-12; Coordinator 11; Spirit Club 10-12; Secretary 10; Vice President 11; President 12; Key Club 11, 12; Vice President 12; Swim Team 10; FAP; SAP; Executive Council 9-12; Student Government 11, 12; Secretary 11; Vice President 12.
Richard Dobson
Carl Douglas – Baseball 9-12; Basketball 10-12; Football 9, 10; YAC 12; Cross Country 10, 11; Track 9-11.

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John French

The flash of sparkling bright eyes and the mischievous grin of pearly-white teeth display the fun-loving personality of Hall of Fame member **John French. John Eric's** charm, wit, scholarship, and leadership have helped him win the respect of his teachers as well as his peers.

For four years Red Knights marched, clapped, or tapped to the beat of **John's** drums. He played percussion in both the marching band and the symphonic band, and, in his senior year, was leader of the percussion section of the marching band.

His leadership abilities were reflected in his appointment to Boys' State in his junior year.

John plans to attend college and pursue a career in either chemical or physical engineering. Once he has attained moderate success, he will marry and have a family. His goal is to "be successful, but most of all, to be a very happy person in life."

Keith Edge
Sharon Ervin
Shelia Erwin
Cynthia Esquivel
Heather Field

Lana Flint
Mark Flynn
James Foriest
John French
Yvonne Frey

John Fuentes
Angela Gainer
Richard Gainley
Sandra Garcia
Alicia Garrett

Keith Edge
Sharon Ervin
Shelia Erwin – Varsity Basketball 9-11; Powder Puff Football 11; Band 9, 10.
Cynthia Esquivel – Spirit Club 9, 10; French Club 9-12; German Club 10-12; SAC 10-12; Executive Council 9-12; Student Government 12.
Heather Field – J.V. Basketball 10; CBE 12; French Club 10-12.

Lana Flint
Mark Flynn – Spanish Club.
James Foriest
John French – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Key Club 9-12; Boys' State 11.
Yvonne Frey – FAP; SAP; Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Concert Band 9; Math Team 9, 11; U.S. National Science Winner 10; Spanish Club 11, 12; Who's Who Among H.S. Students 11; NHS 11, 12.

John Fuentes – East Henderson H.S., FL; FHA 10-12.
Angela Gainer – Band 9; DCT 10; FHA 11; YAC 12.
Richard Gainley – Basketball 9, 12; Tennis Team 12.
Sandra Garcia – SAC 9-12; DECA 12.
Alicia Garrett – Executive Council 9-12; French Club 9; Varsity Softball 9-12; J.V. Basketball 9, 10; German Club 11, 12; **LANCE** 11, 12; Student Life Editor 12; Who's Who Among H.S. Students 11.

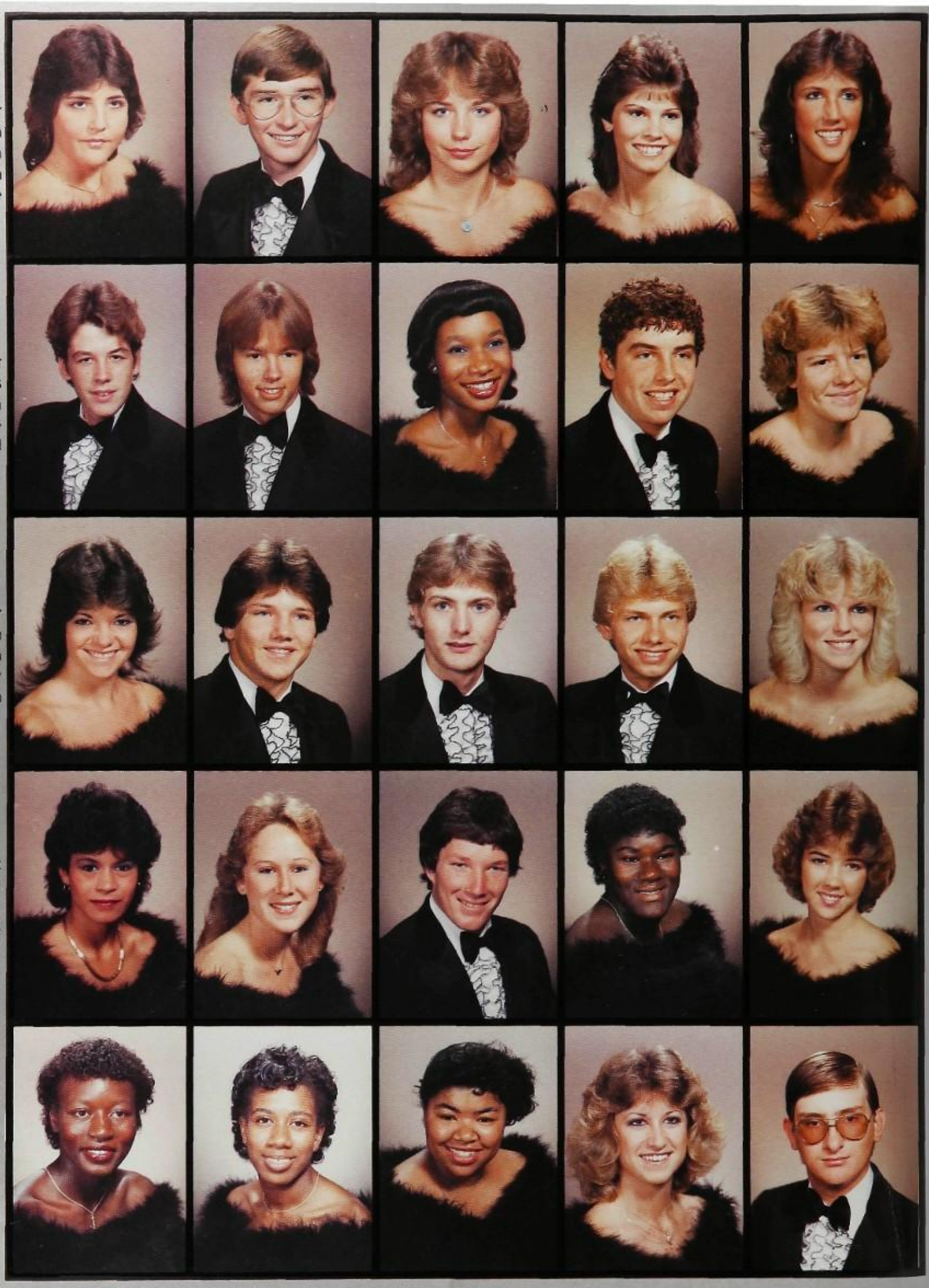
Sheila Garringer
Douglas Gibson
Rebecca Gibson
Toni Giffin
Sharisse Gradtke

John Grant
Dennis Graves
Carmen Green
Thomas Greene
Gloria Greenwood

Dawn Greer
William Griffith
James Grim
Curtis Gully
Beth Gurnham

Norma Gutierrez
Sarah Hale
Scottie Hall
Patricia Hammonds
Kallyn Harmon

Clorine Harris
Sharoyn Harris
Tinital Harris
Linnea Hattar
James Hawkins



Sheila Garringer – German Club; Spirit Club 10, 11.
Douglas Gibson – ROTC 9-12; Color Guard 9-12; Track 12.
Rebecca Gibson
Toni Giffin – Band 9, 10; FAP; Treasurer; Swim Team 10, 11; SAP; Executive Council 9-12; Vice President 12; Cheerleader 12; Student Government 12; Powder Puff Football 12.
Sharisse Gradtke – Penfield H.S., NY.
John Grant
Dennis Graves – Knight Life 9-12.
Carmen Green
Thomas Greene – J.V. Football 9; Varsity Football 11.
Gloria Greenwood – FBLA 10; YAC 12.

Dawn Greer DECA 11; Child Care 12.
William Griffith – J.V. Football 9; Varsity Football 11, 12; FFA 12.
James Grim
Curtis Gully
Beth Gurnham – Spirit Club 9, 10; Interact 9-12; Treasurer 9, 10; President 11, 12; Excaliber 11, 12; Student Government 11, 12; Florida Science and Engineering Fair Finalist 9, 10; Science Club 11; U.S. Achievement Academy Winner 10-12; LANCE 10-12; Assistant Editor 11; Editor 12; Who's Who Among H.S. Students; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.
Norma Gutierrez – SAC 9-12.
Sarah Hale

Scottie Hall – Football 10; FFA 11.
Patricia Hammonds – DECA 12.
Kallyn Harmon – Marching Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 10-12; Concert Band 9; Executive Council 9-12; Treasurer 9; President 10; Student Government 9-12; President 12.
Clorine Harris
Sharoyn Harris – Marching Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 10-12; Concert Band 9; Basketball 9; Cross Country 10-12; Track 9-12; SAC 11, 12; Executive Council 11, 12; Powder Puff Football 11.
Tinital Harris
Linnea Hattar
James Hawkins

Lori Hayworth
Dianna Heinkel
Vickie Helms
Jacob Hemed
James Hepp

Lisa Hernandez
James Hickman
Tonjia High
Michael Holmes
Frank Hopper

Karen Howze
Deborah Hughes
Mende Hughes
Carolyn Jackson
Felicia Jackson

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Kallyn Harmon

"The more involved you are in school, the more prepared you are for becoming an adult," says Hall of Fame member **Kallyn Harmon.** She was president of the Student Government Association during both her junior and senior years, and was a four-year member of band.

Kallyn is full of ideas. Her fun-loving, cheerful personality, and her natural optimism make her popular among her classmates. She believes that everyone should have a dream and should succeed in achieving that dream. "If you don't succeed, give it your best."

Kallyn is just as involved out of school as she is during school hours. She followed her mother and grandmother in The Order of Rainbow and is in the state office representing Maryland.

After Kallyn graduates from high school, she plans to go on to college to study computers. Eventually, she wants to marry and start a family.

Lori Hayworth – Swim Team 9-11; Co-Captain 12; Social Studies Club 10,11; Track 10, 11; Soccer Team 12; FAP; SAP; Band 9-12; Student Government 9-12; Science Club 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10.
Dianna Heinkel – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Concert Band 9; Executive Council 9-12; Student Government 10; SAP; PE Leadership 11, 12.
Vickie Helms – FFA 9, 10.
Jacob Hemed – Varsity Football 10; Wrestling 9.
James Hepp – FFA 9-12; Vice President 12; Varsity Football 11.
Lisa Hernandez – Child Care 11; DECA 12.
James Hickman
Tonjia High – Osvorn H.S., MI; Softball 9, 10; Chorus 9, 12; Powder Puff Football 11, 12.
Michael Holmes
Frank Hopper
Karen Howze – Spirit Club 9; SAP; Executive Council 10-12; Knight Life 9, 10; CBE 12.
Deborah Hughes – Salk H.S., NY 9; McCarther H.S., NY 10; Varsity Tennis 10; Varsity Cheerleader 12.
Mende Hughes
Carolyn Jackson
Felicia Jackson – Basketball 10, 11; Powder Puff Football 11.

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Delretta Jones

"Once you hit the bottom, there is nowhere else to go but up, and there's always room at the top," beams Hall of Fame member **Delretta Jones.**

Always striving for the best, she has never been satisfied with merely "joining" an organization. **Delretta** was president of the Class of 1985 in her senior year and co-captain of the marching band flag auxiliary. Even with her leadership duties, she held a 3.5 grade point average.

Leadership and academic excellence, combined with creativity, rounded out **Del's** high school days. Even more important was her genuine concern for people. She continually provided a shoulder to lean on and her own calming advice to soothe shattered hopes and dreams. True, loyal friendship was **Delretta's** gift to her classmates.

After graduating from high school, she plans to attend Edison Community College to train for a nursing career and then marry and raise a family.

Wesley Jackson
John Jeleniewski
Stephanie Jiles
Amanda John
Jodi Johnson

Karen Johnson
Kerry Johnson
Robert Johnson
Anna Jones
Delretta Jones

John Jones
Tracy Jordan
Amy Juliano
Teri Kannus
Marie Kapcin

Wesley Jackson
John Jeleniewski – Varsity Football 11.
Stephanie Jiles – Chorus 11; FBLA 12.
Amanda John
Jodi Johnson – FAP; SAP; Executive Council 10-12; Powder Puff Football 10; NHS 11, 12; CBE/FBLA 12.
Karen Johnson – FFA 11, 12.
Kerry Johnson – Drama 11, DECA 12.
Robert Johnson – Cape Coral H.S., FL 9; French Club 9; Chorus 12, German Club 12.
Anna Jones – SAP; Executive Council 10-12.
Delretta Jones – FAP; SAP; Executive Council 9-12; President 12; Marching Band 10-12; P.E. — Leadership 11.
John Jones – Ft. Myers H.S., FL 9, 10; J.V. Football 9, 10; Spanish Club 11.
Tracy Jordon – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Swim Team 9; FAP; Treasurer; SAP; President; NHS 11, 12; Treasurer 12; Executive Council 10-12; SGA 12; Concert Band 9.
Amy Juliano – Marching Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 9, 10; Concert Band 11; Executive Council 9-12; Treasurer 12; Student Government 9; Science Club 11, 12; FCA 11; Treasurer 11; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12.
Teri Kannus – FBLA 9; CBE 11, 12; OEC 10.
Marie Kapcin – Spirit Club 9-11; Executive Council 11, 12; FHA 11.

Theresa Kappel
Kevin Kelly
Michael Kelly
Todd Kirby
Susan Kline

Elise Kman
Albert Knighten
Christopher Kosarich
Tina Krumm
Katherine Kuhs

Todd Lake
Shauna LaPosta
Gerald Leaphart
David Lemieux
Susan Lewsader

Sharon Lias
Delores Linnon
Kyna Lister
Richard Long
Daniel Loughren

Staci Ludwig
Patricia Luster
Sean MacDonald
Brian MacDougall
Jay Mace

Theresa Kappel
Kevin Kelly – FFA 9-11; DCT 11; DECA 12.
Mike Kelly
Todd Kirby – Marching Band 9; German Club 10-12; President 11; Student Government 11; Executive Council 12; French Club 12.
Susan Kline – Executive Council 11; NHA 11; FBLA 12.
Elise Kman – Winter Oak H.S., FL 9, 10; Tennis Team 11; CBE/FBLA 12.
Albert Knighten – Track 9-12; Chorus 11, 12; Wrestling 12; Work Experience 10.
Christopher Kosarich – Golf Team 11; German Club 11; Knight Life 10, 11.
Tina Krumm – FFA 11; Treasurer 11; DECA 12.

Katherine Kuhs – FAP; President; Spanish Club 9, 10; Secretary 10; Spirit Club 9, 10; Executive Council 9-12; SAP; Secretary; Who's Who Among H.S. Students 10; NHS 11, 12; Secretary 12; EIP 12.
Todd Lake – Bridgeport H.S., MI 9; Swim Team 9-12; Captain 11, 12; Track 11; LANCE 11, 12; Sports Editor 12; Tennis Team 12.
Shauna LaPosta – Basketball 9-12; Chorus 9, 10.
Gerald Leaphart – J.V. Football 9; DCT 10, 11.
David Lemieux
Susan Lewsader – Marching Band 9; Concert Band 9; Executive Council 9; Vice President 9; Varsity Volleyball 11; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; Powder puff Football 1; CBE 12; FBLA 12; Point Chairman 12.

Sharon Lias – Spirit Club 9; YAC 12
Delores Linnon
Kyna Lister – Basketball 9; Band 9-11; CBE 10-12; Executive Council 11.
Richard Long – FFA 9; Work Experience 9; P.E. Leadership 11, 12.
Daniel Loughren
Staci Ludwig – Spirit Club 9; Executive Council 9-12; CBE 10-12; FFA 9-12; DECA 12; Interact 11, 12; Horticulture 11.
Patricia Luster – Spirit Club 9; Executive Council; Basketball 10-12; Softball 11.
Sean McDonald – Band 9; YAC 9; Drama 9, 10, 12.
Brian MacDougall
Jay Mace – Columbia H.S., FL 9-11; Wrestling 9-12.

Robyn Maker
Timothy Malone
Michael Mann
Fred Marengo
Laura Marsh

Kent Martin
Tonya Mathis
Dawn Matson
Tammy Mattox
Andrew May

Homer Maynard
Michele McNeill
Lisa McPeak
Michelle Mease
Tamara Miller

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Tracy Jordan

"Nearly perfect" accurately describes Hall of Fame member **Tracy Jordan.** Her 3.99 grade point average depicts the quality of character and determination which has made her successful in her endeavors.

Her academic excellence and her leadership abilities were recognized when she was tapped for National Honor Society. During her junior year she was selected by her fellow classmates to represent them at Homecoming.

Rounding out her high school days was **Tracy's** four-year participation in the Red Knight Marching Band. "I'll never forget the football games. Those were the times to show spirit, talent, and spend time with my friends — all of which are very important to me."

Tracy plans to attend college and later, once she has settled on a career, she would like to marry and live a happy, successful life.

Robyn Maker – Executive Council 9, 10; Band 9; Flag Corps 10; Drama 10; Thespians 9-12.
Timothy Malone
Michael Mann – FAP; SAP; NHS; Math Team 10-12.
Fred Marengo
Laura Marsh – Knight Life 10, 11; CBE 12.
Kent Martin
Tonya Mathis
Dawn Matson – FFA 9-12; Reporter 10; President 11; Interact 11, 12; Executive Council 11; DECA 11, 12.
Tammy Mattox
Andrew May
Homer Maynard
Michelle McNeil – Executive Council 10-12; FCA 10; FFA 11, 12.
Lisa McPeak – Southeast H.S., OH 9; Volleyball 9; Swim Team 11, 12; Spirit Club 9, 10.
Michelle Mease – Chorus 11; Drama 12; Knight Life 10-12.
Tami Miller – Executive Council 9-12; SAP; FCA 11; FFA 12; Secretary 12.

Lori Millerd
David Milliron
Jennifer Moll
Ronald Morgan
Angela Morrison

Dawn Morrison
Lisa Morrison
John Mueller
Robert Nash
Denise Nolan

Caroline Normandin
Forrest Norton
Valerie Nottingham
Carla Palmer
Lorilyn Pastirik

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Lorilyn Pastirik

"Of course my mother's being a teacher has influenced me," proclaims vivacious Hall of Fame member **Lori Pastirik.** "Her guidance made me realize that the four years of high school would never be duplicated. We can get more than one college degree, we can even marry more than once, but we can receive only one high school diploma. So, I've tried to experience everything North has offered."

Lori has truly been involved. During her four years she has held class offices, was drama president two consecutive years, and was co-captain of band auxiliary.

Lori's future plans include attending Edison Community College and later transferring to a university to major in business while she continues her theatrical activities. Eventually, she wants to marry and raise a family.

"Go for it. Get all you can out of life. Only you can make yourself a success, and that's what I want to be."

Lori Millerd – FAP; SAP; Executive Council 10-12; Powder Puff Football 10; Varsity Cheerleader 10; CBE/FBLA.
David Milron – Executive Council 9, 10; Knight Life 9-12; LANCE 10.
Jennifer Moll
Ronnie Morgan – J.V. Football 9; Varsity Football 10-12.
Angela Morrison – FAP; SAP; NHS 11, 12; Executive Council 9-12; FCA 9-12; Marching Band 9, 10; Concert Band 9; Student Government 12; Science Club 11, 12; Interact 11, 12; Distinguished American High School Studies 11.

Dawn Morrison – Drama 10-12; Spanish Club 11; Executive Council 10; Spirit Club 9.
Lisa Morrison – Spirit Club 9; Chorus 10-12; Drama 12.
John Mueller – Cape Coral H.S., FL 9, 10; German Club 9-11; ROTC 10-12; NHS 11, 12.
Robert Nash – Band 9, 10; J.V. Baseball 9, 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Varsity Baseball 11, 12.
Denise Nolan – Executive Council 9, 10; French Club 9, 10; German Club 11; Spirit Club 11.

Caroline Normandin – Executive Council 9, 12; French Club 9, 10; Spirit Club 11; German Club 10-12; Flag Corps 10.
Forrest Norton
Valerie Nottingham
Carla Palmer – Executive Council 9-12; Spirit Club 10.
Lorilyn Pastirik – Executive Council 9-12; Vice President 11; Class Coordinator 12; Band Auxiliaries 9-12; Co-Captain 10; Thespians 9-12; Secretary-Treasurer 9, 10; President 11, 12; FAP; SAP; Student Government 11, 12.

Stephen Pate
James Pearce
Brian Peisch
Carol Petry
Jeffrey Pierce

Kathleen Piirainen
Arlisa Powell
Amy Pulsifer
Benny Ramsey
Dawn Reich

Tangela Reid
Tammy Reist
Lee Rhodes
Kirk Rice
Kane Richmond

Mona Riter
Chrisferle Roberts
Ginger Robertson
Beverly Robinson
Michael Roe

Melissa Roof
Joey Rowland
Dion Sanders
Jackie Schulte
Terri Scritchfield

Steve Pate
James Pearce – Swim Team 9-12; Outstanding Artist Award 9, 10; French Club 11; **LANCE** 11, 12. Photo Editor 12.
Brian Peisch
Carol Petry – FFA 9; Executive Council 10-12; President 11; J.V. Cheerleader 10; Captain 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; Co-Captain 12; Drama 10-12; Thespians 10-12; Student Government 11.
Jeffrey Pierce – Evangelical Christian H.S., FL 9; Soccer Team 9; Varsity Soccer 10.
Kathleen Piirainen – Rockford H.S., MI 9-10; **LANCE** 12; People Editor 12; Interact 12; Marching Band 11; Symphonic Band 11.
Arlisa Powell – French Club 9; Chorus 10, 11.
Amy Pulsifer – Executive Council 9-12; SAP; Powder Puff Football 10; FFA 11, 12; Treasurer 11; FHA 11; Horticulture 12.
Benny Ramsey – Executive Council 10-12; J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Football 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Varsity Basketball 11, 12.
Dawn Reich – German Club 9-12.
Tangela Reid – Spirit Club 9; Powder Puff Football 10; DECA 11; Executive Council 11.
Tammy Reist
Lee Rhodes
Kirk Rice – YAC 10-12; FHA 12.
Kane Richmond – Executive Council 9-11; J.V. Football 9; Varsity Wrestling 9, 10; Student Government 10; Varsity Football 9-12; Co-Captain 12; Varsity Soccer 12.
Mona Ritter – Gunning Dedford H.S., NY 9; Cheerleader 9; Drama 10; Marching Band 12; Symphonic Band 11, 12; Band Council 12.
Christopher Roberts
Ginger Robertson – FCA 9-12; YAC 12.
Beverly Robinson – Work Experience 9, 10; Executive Council 11; FHA 12; DCT 11.
Michael Roe – Football 10; Spanish Club 12.
Melissa Roof – Track 9-12; Cross Country 10, 11; Spanish Club 9-12; FAP
Joey Rowland
Dion Sanders – Football 10; Basketball 10; Baseball 10.
Jackie Schulte
Terri Scritchfield – Powder Puff Football 10-12; FHA 12; DCT 12; Executive Council 12.

RED KNIGHT HALL of FAME

Carol Petry

Hall of Fame member **Carol Petry** may be petite, but she has accomplished enormous feats. **Carol** expresses her philosophy as "Do your best at everything and life will reward you for your hard work."

Hard work, tremendous energy, and intense dedication kept **Carol** ablaze during high school. She enjoyed her classes and felt that "involvement" was the key to happiness in high school. **Carol** was a cheerleader and junior class president. Being varsity cheerleader, having loyal friends, and experiencing very positive attitudes between teachers and students were her most rewarding experiences.

Athough she has not made definite plans, **Carol** will attend Edison Community College to pursue a career in respiratory therapy. Her main goal is to make the best out of her life and the best for others.

Febra Scudder
Che Se
Michelle Selby
Monica Skinner
Linda Smith

Kevin Snyder
Debra Spencer
Loretta Stimes
Keith Stowell
Cindra Summerall

Scott Sutton
Bryan Tatum
Elgron Taylor
Kimberly Thoman
Pamela Thompson

Febra Scudder – Executive Council 10-12; Class Coordinator 11; Thespians 11, 12; Drama 12; Band Aux. 11, 12.
Che Se
Michelle Selby – FHA 12.
Monica Skinner – Executive Council 10-12; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; P.E. Leadership 11, 12; Powder Puff Football 12.
Linda Smith – FFA 9-12; Horticulture 11, 12; Piano 10, 11.
Keith Snyder – FFA 9-12; Horticulture 11, 12.
Debra Spencer
Loretta Stimes – DCT 11; FHA 12.
Keith Stowell
Cindra Summerall – Spanish Club 9, 10; Executive Council 9-12; Flag Corps 9; Rifle Line 10, 11; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; **LANCE** 12; Powder Puff Football 10, 12; Student Government 12.
Scott Sutton – Swim Team 9-12; German Club 9, 10.
Bryan Tatum – DCT 12.
Elgron Taylor – DECA 11, 12.
Kimberly Thoman
Pamela Thompson

Louis Tillman
Thomas Tisell
Tiffany Touchstone
Lynn Truskey
Wendy Tryon

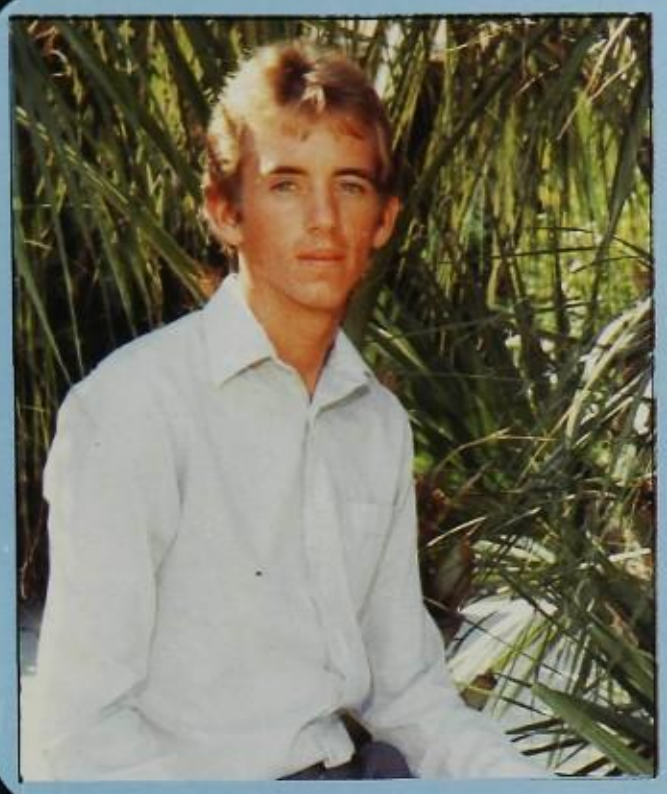
Lisa Tucker
Tommy Tyler
Michael Tyndall
Bob Valenta
Eric Van Dyken

Lisa Van Valen
James Viglione
Renda Wallin
Sherry Ward
Lisa Waser

Rickey Washington
Cynthia Weber
April Webster
Stephen Webster
Yvonne Wegener

Beth Wendland
Rodney Weng
Michael Westra
Sharlene Whidden
Jacquelyn White

Louis Tillman – Varsity Foorball 9, 11, 12; J.V. Baseball 9; Varsity Baseball 10-12.
Thomas Tisell – Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12.
Tiffany Touchstone – J.V. Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11.
Lynn Trusky – Spirit Club 9; Treasurer 9; Excaliber 9; Executive Council 9-12; Class Coordinator 9; Concert Band 9; Band Aux. 10, 11; SAP; Science Club 12; French Club 9, 11, 12; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students.
Wendy Tryon – YAC 12; Executive Council 12; Key Club 12.
Lisa Tucker
Tami Tucker
Micheal Tyndall
Bob Valenta
Eric VanDyken
Lisa Van Valen
James Viglione – Fort Myers H.S., FL 9; Football 9; Basketball 9, 10; Swim Team 10-12.
Renda Wallin
Sherry Ward – Executive Council 9-12; FHA 12; LANCE 12.
Lisa Waser – Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9; Symphonic Band 10-12; Executive Council 9-12.
Rickey Washington
Cynthia Weber – Executive Council 9-12; Vice-President 10; Cross Country 9; Most Valuable Runner 9; Interact 9-12; Secretary 9, 10; Vice-President 11, 12; Powder Puff Football 10-12; Track 9, 10, 12; Knight Life 10; **LANCE** 11, 12; Assistant Editor 12; Student Government 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.
April Webster
Stephen Webster – Bruner H.S., FL 9; Fort Walton H.S., FL 10; Golf Team 12.
Yvonne Wegener
Beth Wendland
Rodney Weng – ROTC 9-12.
Micheal Westra – FFA 10-12; DCT 12.
Sharlene Whidden – FFA 9, 10; CBE 11, 12; Powder Puff Football 11, 12.
Jacquelyn White – Executive Council 9-12; Interact 11, 12; **LANCE** 11, 12; Curriculum Editor 11; Organization Editor 12; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students 11, 12.



RED KNIGHT HALL of FAME

Tom Tisell

Running . . . Competition . . . Winning . . . Improving! For the past four years, Hall of Fame member **Tom Tisell** has been a winner in cross country and track. He has brought home state awards for three consecutive years and has set school records in track. He was voted "Most Valuable Player" for the track team and also belongs to the Fort Myers Track Club. He has been recognized by the community for his outstanding achievements.

After high school **Tom** plans to attend college and earn a degree, possibly in business. He will continue his running career and will someday marry and have a family.

"I feel that everyone should have certain goals in life, whether they be long term or short term ones. When they have established these goals, they should do everything in their power to achieve them. Without goals, there is no reason for existing."

Rick Whitten
Linda Wierengo
John Wild
Eugene Williams
Gregg Williams

Heidi Williams
Kevin Williams
Stacy Williams
Steve Williams
Donna Wilson

Julian Wood
Michael Wright
Joseph Yerkes
Michael Zolno
Michael Zyderveld

Rick Whitten – German Club 10-12; Rifles 11; Knight Life 11.
Linda Wierengo
John Wild – Marching Band 9-12.
Eugene Williams – ROTC 9, 10.
Greg Williams – Swim Team 9-12; Track 11, 12; J.V. Baseball 9; ROTC 10-12; LANCE 12; Cross Country 12.
Heidi Williams – Executive Council 9-12; Secretary 11, 12; SAP; Secretary; Marching Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 9-11; FCA 9-12; Powder Puff Football 9-12; Science Club 11, 12; History Club 12.
Kevin Williams
Stacy Williams – Executive Council 9-12; Knight Life 9, 10; LANCE 11; CBE 12.
Steve Williams
Donna Wilson – Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Concert Band 9; Spanish Club 11, 12; President 12; Executive Council 10-12; SAP.
Julian Wood – Band 9, 10; German Club 11, 12.
Micheal Wright – Wrestling 10, 11; Football 11, 12; Basketball 9.
Joseph Yerkes – Spanish Club 11, 12.
Micheal Zolno – J.V. Football; DECA 12; President 12.
Michael Zyderveld – Varsity Football 11.

Senior Superlatives

Outstanding Members of the Class of 1985

Tom Tisell – Cindy Weber

Most Athletic

Benny Ramsey – Amy Juliano

Most Talkative

Scott Sutton – Staci Ludwig

Most Humorous

Jim Hepp – Tiffany Castle

Most Friendly

Alan Clairmont – Toni Giffin

Best All-Around

Mike Mann – Chris Beckos

Most Likely to Succeed

Jake Hemed – Beth Gurnham

Most Intelligent

Ralph Black – Carol Petry

Most School Spirit

John French – Lori Pastirik

Most Talented

Mike Mann
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SPECIAL SENIOR LETTERS

Proud parents and relatives of members of the Class of 1985 showed their love through these special letters to their graduates. This opportunity was offered yearly by LANCE and has become a tradition more and more parents have utilized. Senior letters serve as a special way for families to express the pride we all feel.

MICHELLE BARNHILL
Dear Michelle,

"Congratulations!" We know how hard you have worked for this moment. We are so proud of you.

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

JAMIE BLACK
Dear Jamie,

We wish you the best in all your endeavors. We love you.

Mom and Jay

CONNIE BURKE
Dear Connie,
The soothing sanity and blithness of completion.

The pomp and hurried contest-glare and rush are done; Now triumph! Transformation! Jubilate! Congratulations!

Paul — Mom — Dad

MICHELLE CORE
Dear Michelle,

Congratulations. We know you will continue to make us as proud of you as we are today.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Practicing for the great outdoors in North's pool is Senior *James Pearce.*

KIM CULVER
Dear Kim,

Much love and happiness and congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud to have you as our daughter!

Love,
Mom and Dad

CYNTHIA ESQUIVEL
Dear Cynthia Marie,

Remember that success isn't measured by the monetary amount of a paycheck, but by the fulfilling qualities of peace and joy we discover as we use our talents for the welfare of others.

Love Always,
Mom

YVONNE FREY
Dear Yvonne,

You hav made us very proud of you. We wish you much success and happiness in the future. Congratulations.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Brother,
Sister, and Jim

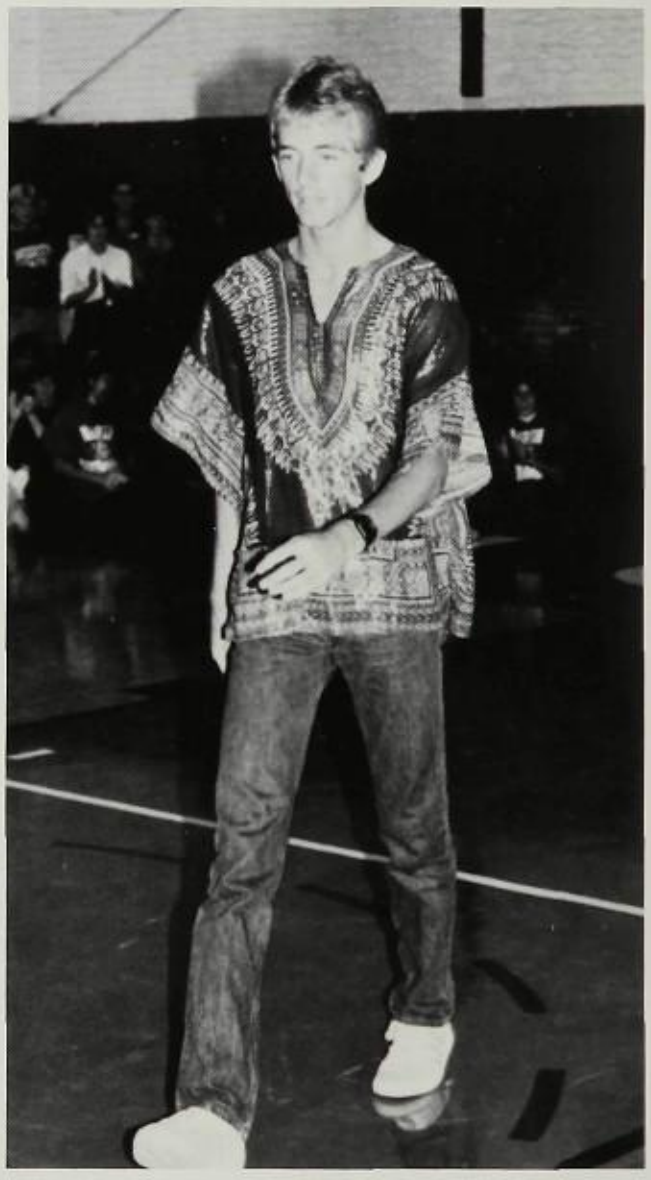
CURTIS GULLY
Dear Curtis,

You're the greatest! We're all very proud of you and wish you all the success and happiness in the world.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jeff

BETH GURNHAM
CINDY WEBER
I know you two have made me proud this year and carried on the tradition of a winning book. Much love and happiness to you both in the years to come.

Love,
Mrs. "B"



Senior *Tom Tisell* accepts the admiration of classmates upon winning another state championship.

KALLYN HARMON
Dear Kallyn,

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. May your future be full, bright, and happy.

All our love,
Mom, Daddy and Jeff

CAROLINE NORMANDINE
Dear Caroline,

We love you so through childhood days for your sunny smiles and thoughtful ways. You've made us feel so proud of you and the lovely daughter you've grown up to be, and so with great pride we say congratulations and God Bless you always.

Love,
Mom and Dad

DAWN MATSON
Dear Dawn,
Congratulations Grad! Wishing you the best in all your endeavors.

Love,
Mom and Dad

TAMI MILLER
Dear Tami,
You've had to work real hard and travel far, To get all you have and be where you are. And no matter what you decide to do, We'll always be extremely proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

ANGELA MORRISON
Dear Angela,
Trust in God
Believe in yourself
Dare to dream . . .
Then all things are possible.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

LORI PASTIRIK
Dear Lori,
Be proud and always smile. You're a very special young lady.
Always,
J.R.

LORI PASTIRIK
Dear Squirt,
The first step you took walked across our hearts and left footprints that will never fade. You made Papa and me the "happiest" and "proudest" grandparents ever. Congratulations with loads of love and good wishes.

Grammy (and Papa)

LORI PASTIRIK
Dear Lori,
May your future be abundant in love, happiness and success. Thank you for making me so very proud of you.

I Love You,
Mom

BRIAN PEISCH
Dear Brian,
Congratulations and remember . . . "My Love for you grows in the twilight of a promised kiss!"

Love Always,
Leigh

JEFF PIERCE
Dear Jeff,
We are so proud of you! We wish you the very best always. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Charlie,
and Grandma

KATHY PIIRAINEN
Dear Kathy,
Congratulations on this important event in your life. We are proud of your accomplishments. Our love and support go with you as your education continues.

Love,
Mom and Dad

KANE RICHMOND
Dear Kane,
Congrats! You've done a good job and we're proud! Here's to great success — go for your highest goal.

Love Ya,
Mom and Dad

MONICA SKINNER
Dear Monica,
Nicki — through tears and laughter there's always been pride. Happiness and success.

We love you bunches,
Mom, Dad, Lisa and Shelley

BRIAN TATUM
Dear Bryan,
Congratulations, you made it. I am very proud of you, and wish you all the best in life.

Love,
Mom

TAMMY TYLER
Dear Tammy,
You have made us very proud of you. May God walk with you each step of your life.

We love you very much,
Mom and Dad

CINDY WEBER
Dear Cindy,
You are a special joy to me.

Mom

BETH WENDLAND
Dear Beth,
Congratulations! We always knew you could do it. May God Bless and keep you always.

We love you,
Dad and Mom

No one ever could doubt the spirit of the Class of 1985. With signs, hats and shirts they proclaim themselves loyal Red Knights.

The Class of '86

Their last year of being considered underclassmen, North's juniors made this year a spectacular one. The Class of '86 showed their spirit, pride, and different talents in many ways. The juniors were led by President *Shelley Gartner*, Vice-President *Bradley Morrison*, Secretary *Robin Gardner*, Treasurer *Donna Bradley*, Class Coordinator *Holly Rowe* and an executive council which consisted of about thirty members.

Being the junior class meant that they would be in charge of the Junior-Senior Prom. It took considerable planning and a large amount of money to make the 84-85 Prom a success. Held at the Spanish Main, the event provided music, dancing, food and fun.

In order to have enough money for the Prom and other activities, the junior class participated in many fund raisers. They spent many long hours selling candy during the eight weeks of summer school, sold calendars which represented the twenty-fifth year of North High, red and white shakers to display their spirit, heartshaped balloons for Valentines Day, cheese and sausage, and beach towels for the summer.

The Class of '86 was certainly not idle this past year. They worked hard and played hard, with the anticipation of their senior year in mind. The 84-85 school year came to a close and the so-called juniors were suddenly seniors.

Front Row – Meleta Wilson, Sandy Rice, Anita Anuszewski, Jackie Arndt, Kathrine Lewis, Jyll Rubinstein, Debbie Roberts, Christy Ratliff, Cheryl Prince, Stephanie Paparesta **Second Row** – Cindy Gluck, Melissa Wittwer, Tracy Beckler, Margie Mimms, Sam Holloway, Antoinette Peppenelli, Michelle Sutton, Laura Thomas, Merritt Cooke **Third Row** – Jody Davis, Carrie Dibble, Dana Berry, Judith Olson, President Shelley Gartner, Vice President Bradley Morrison, Secretary Robin Gardner, Treasurer Donna Bradley, Class Coordinator Holly Rowe, Karen Jaquiss, Denise Hernandez, Eric Hopson, Alan Waltman **Fourth Row** – Mrs. Nancy DeShazo, Angela Desear, Christy Reinhold, Tammy Wittwer, Mark Singletary, Shelly Simons, Rae Anne Coup, Ron Reis, Stacy Grissom, Laura Coffmann, Gary Jeleniewski, Tonja Carver, David Giompalo, Bret Meyers, Jim Macha, Greg Stanford **Back Row** – Tracey Battle, Sandy Cunningham, Jodie Davis, Kyle Eignor, Richard Welch, Mike Sheffield, Wes Underwood, Keith Johnson.

Mary Adams
Atonina Anuszewski
Jackie Arndt
Kerry Arnett
Sandra Banks
Arlanda Barnes

Gearldine Barnes
Tracey Battle
James Bayliss
James Beasley
Tracey Beckler
Sandria Beigh

Annette Bellamy
Fara Belt
Dana Berry
Genesis Black
Donna Bradley
John Brady

Pamela Brady
Michael Brown
Timothy Brown
Todd Brown
Jimmy Cail
Michael Castle

Finishing Ahead of Schedule

This twenty-fifth anniversary year at North High School introduced a new and enticing concept for some seniors — January graduation. This gave some students a chance to leave high school one semester earlier than their fellow classmates. Those lucky Red Knights completed all of the required courses by the end of the first semester of the senior year on January 16. They passed all those required courses and earned their 22 credits.

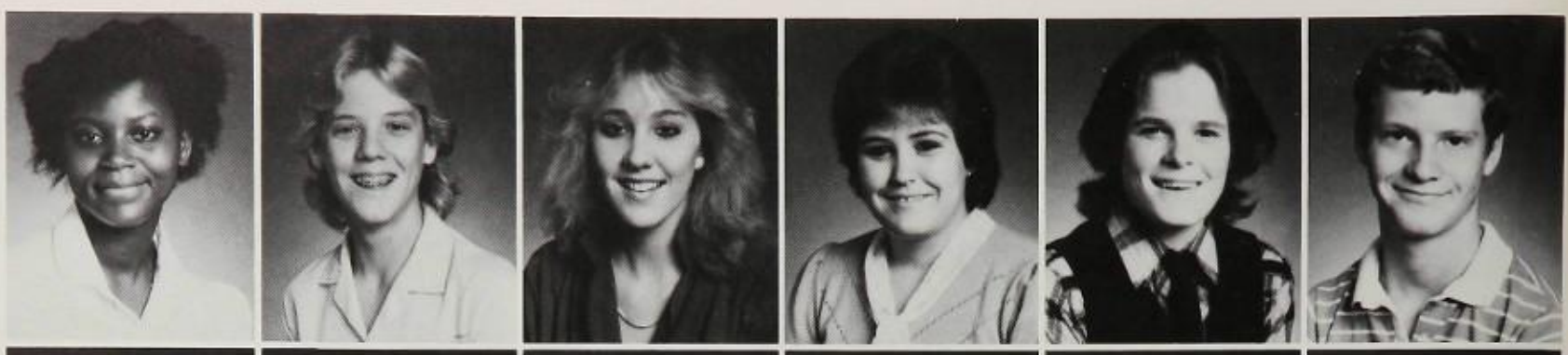
Although these early graduates weren't here for the second semester classes, they were still able to participate in all the different activities that accompanied the senior year. These seniors went on the senior cruise, went to Grad Night '85, attended the Junior-Senior Prom, and walked across the stage with the rest of the Class of '85 on graduation night.

Although the idea of leaving high school a semester earlier sounded appealing to many, it took tremendous dedication and hard work for our Red Knights to qualify. These industrious students completed the second semester of their twelfth grade English class either during summer school, night school, or during the first semester. They had to have taken and passed the Student Assessment Test and, if necessary, received main-streaming of individual skills in either math or English.

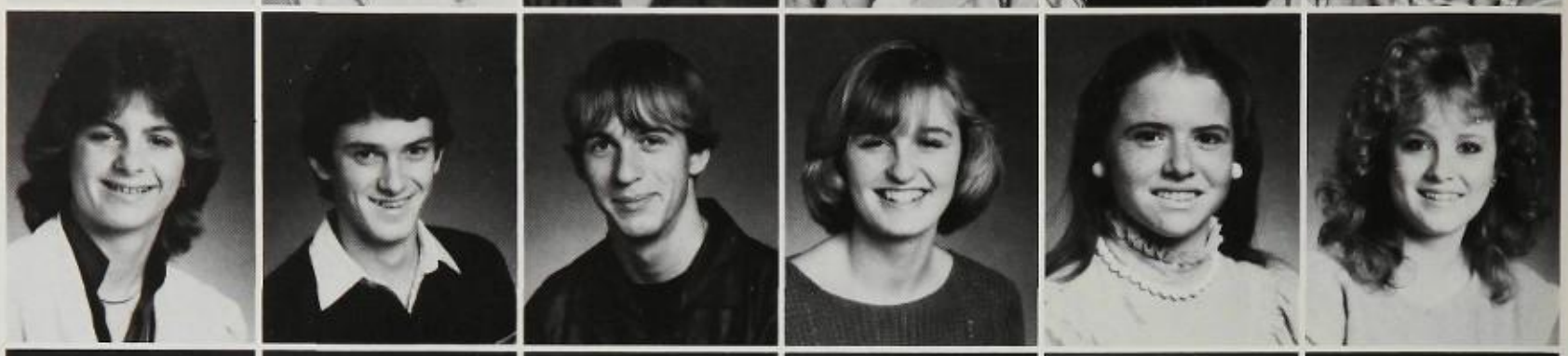
Most of the early graduation students started working full time or started taking college courses at Edison Community College. Therefore, they were able to get a head start on their future careers. As appealing as January graduation sounds, it took determination and hard work each of their four years for our 1985 January graduates.

Night school will help Red Knights finish early.

Kamala Cody
Craig Coe
Laura Coffman
Dawn Cogdill
Betty Cole
Gregory Collier



Julie Colmer
James Conrad
James Cooke
Merritt Cooke
Anita Cooley
Angela Conn



Leslie Core
Tracy Countryman
Rae Anne Coup
Sherry Crutchfield
Sandra Cunningham
Rebecca Curington

Russell Cushing
Kevin Davenport
Jodie Davis
Lashawn Davis
Susan Davis
Tammy Davis

The Insatiable Craving

"Munchies," a harsh craving for junk food, attacked most, if not all the people of the Red Knight family. North Fort Myers High School had a high percentage of people who experienced that certain craving.

A survey conducted in homerooms indicated that over 80% of North's population ate junk food on a regular basis. The most preferred snacks were pizza, tacos, and hamburgers. The most popular spots for satisfying those attacks were Dino's, Taco Bell, and McDonald's. A great number of students and faculty visited these establishments as part of their daily routine.

For some people, breakfast consisted of a quick stop at a 7-Eleven on the way to school to pick up a Coke and a candy bar. This food was generally selected if there was no leftover cold pizza or fried chicken in the refrigerator from the night before. Some more adventurous students downed nachos with their soda.

A great deal of junk food was also consumed betwen classes, at lunch, and during seventh period. M&M's, lollipops, and bubble gum were all popped into mouths throughout the day. Fewer students purchased complete lunches from the cafeteria than did those who only filled up on french fries and Debbie Cakes.

Even after a whole day of perpetual "munchin' out" Red Knights continued this past-time into the evening hours as they selected junk food over Mother's homemade cooking for dinner. It was not possible to tackle homework or view televsion unless one had a complete array of junk food varieties available within arm's length.

This insatiable craving for junk food was not new to Red Knights this year, but it certainly increased to the point where one could label this the "year of the munchies."

Steven Del Vecchio
Carrie Dibble
Carlisa Dickerson
Annette Dortch
Kerlyn Dowty
Michael Dunaway

Shannon Dunn
Dee Dee Dushek
Shawn Earhart
Misty Edwards
Sara Edwards
Kyle Eignor

Carol Ellis
Kelly Ellis
Candace Ellsworth
Mark Evans
Richard Fain
Kelli Farquer

Angela Ferrell
Pemala Franklin
Robin Gardner
Robert Garlick
Shelley Gartner
Guy Gentry

Pigging out on Funyuns is *Melody Jackson*.

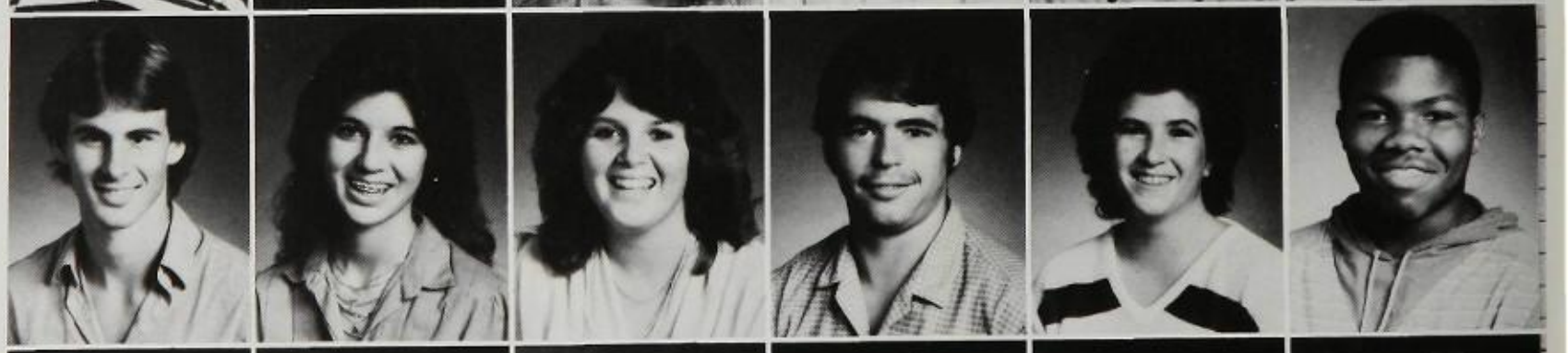
Junk food junkie *James Pearce* stocks up on his favorite munchies.

In an effort to save gas, *Keith Tapio* fills his VW with as many pretty girls as possible.

Flanked by *Lynda Rudd* and *Lysa Williams*, *Randy Morgan* happily squeezes in the car.

Gregg Gibson
David Giompalo
Cindy Gluck
Elaine Grant
Mia Greene
Stacey Grissom

Timothy Hahn
Barbra Hall
Sharon Hall
Thomas Hallatt
Victoria Haller
Honda Harris



James Hartman
John Harwood
Angelique Hasten
Jonathan Hatfield
Tamara Hauser
Mary Haynes

Sandra Hefner
Jeffrey Heinzelman
Colinda Helveston
Irit Hemed
Susan Herber
Sharon Hibbert

Your Car or Mine

Ring . . . Ring . . . "Hello Mom, could you come and give me a ride home?" This was considered a common occurrence around North High School. If mother was not too busy she normally would not object, but on occasion a Red Knight would end up walking home.

Lack of cars, insurance, and gas forced many students to ride the bus, walk, or bike it to school, or wherever else they decided to go. If one was lucky enough, he could catch a ride with a friend. If a person were going out at night, he could call up someone and say, "Hey, why don't you come and pick me up? I don't have any gas in the car." This was the technique of the famous car-pooling.

Car-pooling was considered a great way for friends to catch up on "the latest" and also for them to get around. Finding ways to get around was considered a real problem for the students who were under sixteen. Those unfortunate underclassmen had to run around on foot or ride the school bus or, in some cases, the street bus. As they said, it was "uncool" to resort to such means of travel. To drive one's own car was the "in thing."

Whether a Red Knight had a fast race car or just Mom's car for the night, he was still "out." Students would pick up each other, go to the gas station, fill up, and on their way they would go. Whether one walked, biked, drove, or bummed a ride, he and his friends always managed to get around.

Douglas Holland
Lisa Holland
Samantha Holloway
Tina Honaker
Christina Hooper
Eric Hopson

Sue Hopson
Misty Horne
Michael Hostens
Sherry Houghton
Troy Hughes
Richelle Hunter

Ty Hutson
Reggie Ivy
Derrick Jackson
Karen Jaquiss
Gary Jeleniewski
Candace Johnson

George Johnson
John Johnson
Keith Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Tammy Jokich
Tyrone Jones

Through Thick and Thin

Friendships, an important part of high school life, took on many different and important forms around North High's campus. These friendships were formed for different reasons. Common interests, in and out of school, or personalities brought students together.

Friendships grew for various reasons, but people became couples and teams, not only around campus, but in everyday life as well. It was the case of if you saw one person, you were bound to see the other not far behind. In some cases the companionship of boy-girl relationships made them a bit "more than just friends." They gradually found that this special person, the "other half," was very important to their lives.

Sharing problems, laughter, and anything else that happened to come along with a friend, boosted confidence and provided Red Knights with a good attitude and outlook on life.

"A friend is someone you can depend on through thick and thin — during the good and the bad, no matter what," said junior *Connie Lee*. "Without my best friend, who would I have to tell all my secrets to?" was a response from many students.

North's Red Knights found that it was possible to have numerous friends, but only the very true supported each other and helped each other through all trials, happinesses, disappointments, and successes. It has been traditional for North's students to display the warm, caring, and loyal character of a good, true friend. This year was no exception.

Lisa Joseph
Angela Juliano
Christopher Kinder
Rodney King
Mary Klemp
Jeffrey Kosarich

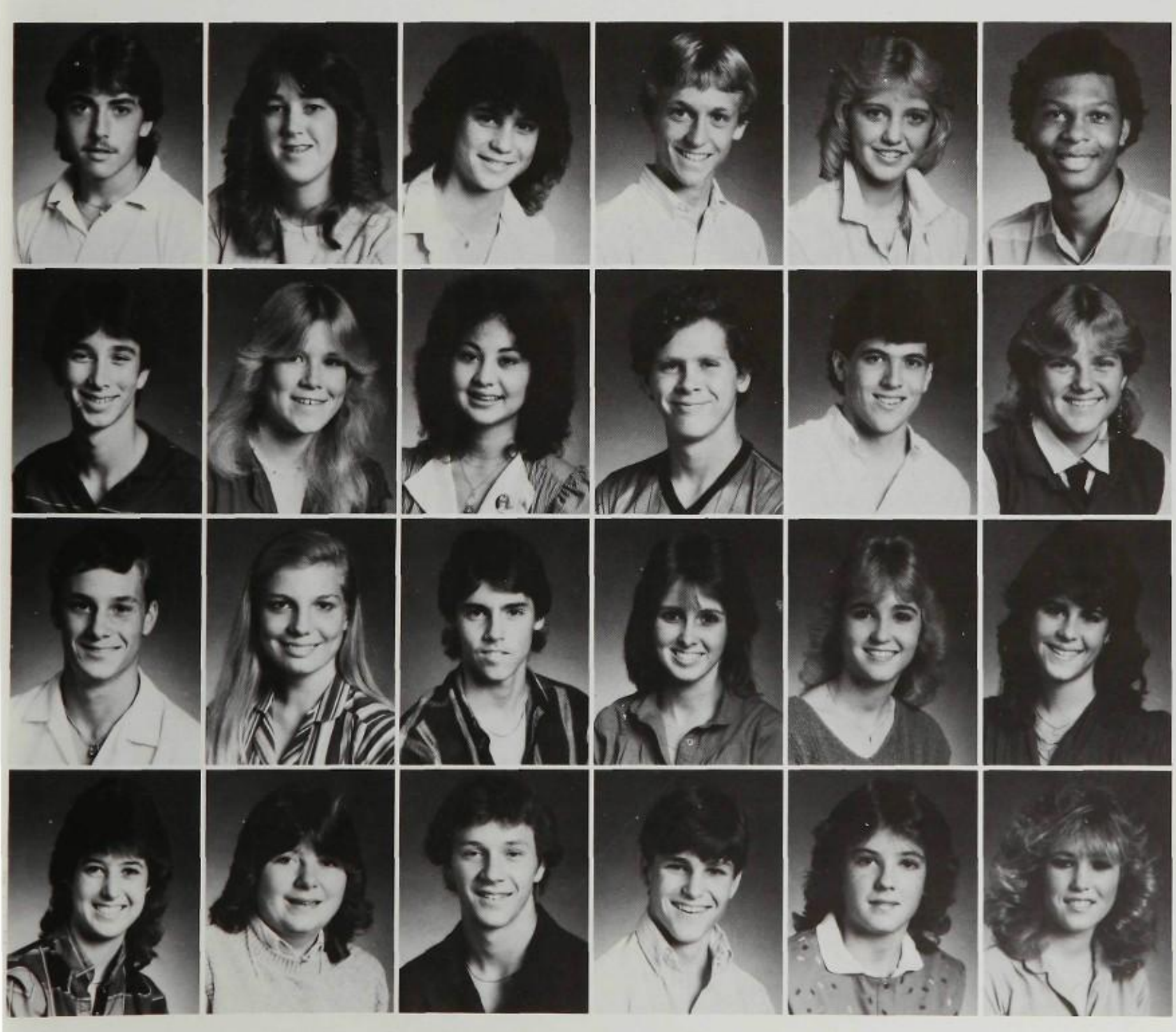
Robert Krampen
Malu Krause
Thomas Kreman
Kelly Krestan
Barbara Kurth
John Lacey

David Lady
Jonathan Land
Virginia Lawson
Connie Lee
Carolyn Lewis
Catherine Lewis

Christopher Lindenmuth
Chad Lingle
Tina Londren
Daniel Luders
Timothy Lust
Patrick Lyons

Best friends *Jimmy Whittle* and *Staci Ludwig* enjoy a good joke.

Red Knights *Christy Ratliff, Debbie Roberts, Michelle Young,* and *Jenny Valella* prove that more than four is not a crowd, especially in a friendship.



James Macha
Kelly Maloy
Brenda Mann
David Mansell
Carla Martin
Reginald Massey

Douglas Mathis
Elizabeth Mathwig
Julie May
John McClure
Patrick McGuire
Tonya McMullen

Jack McStravic
Dawn Merritt
Bret Meyers
Loren Miller
Tracey Miller
Margaret Mims

Shelley Missall
Kimberly Moore
John Morris
Bradley Morrison
Debra Morrison
Jody Morrison

Donna Muchmore
Joe Musso
Jerry Negron
Gregory Neuville
Wendy Newingham
James Nowocin

Alfred Oakes
Tina Ogden
Judith Olson
Patricia Orstrom
Cory Overholt
Kathleen Pacowta

Staphanie Paparesta
Lizette Patterson
Lisa Payne
Antoinette Peppenelli
Robert Persinger
Douglas Pierce

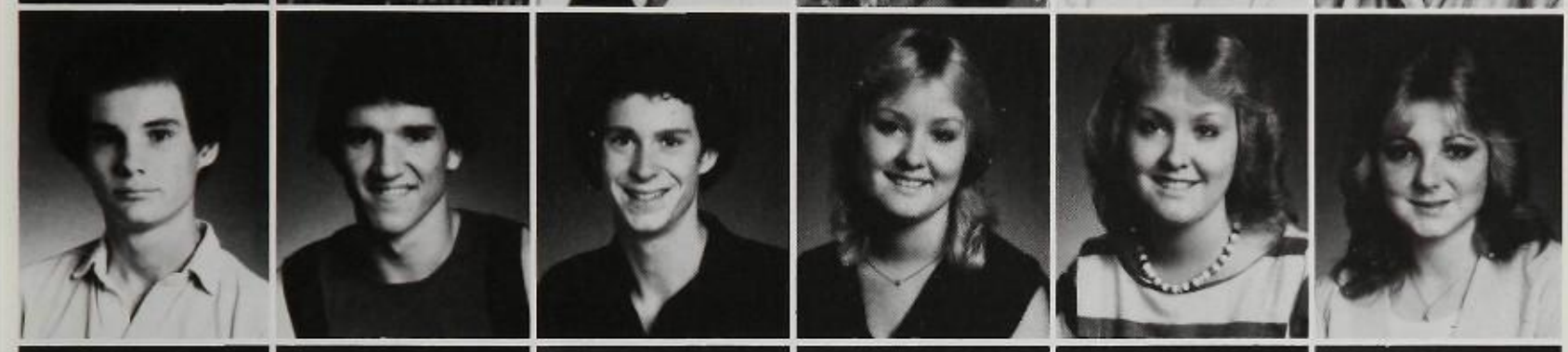
Richard Pointke
Cheryl Prince
Tom Rajsavong
Christy Ratliff
Cheri Reavis
Philip Reese

Taking a break from their daily routine, *Beth Gurnham* and *Kathy Piiralnen* sit down to catch a glimpse of their favorite soap.

Looking through the paper, *Jeanette Dials* and *Delretta Jones* see what's on next.

Christina Reinhold
Ronald Reis
Lisa Retherford
Lynn Rhodes
Sandra Rice
Shawn Riley

Debra Roberts
Donald Robinson
Renee Robinson
Karen Ross
Holly Rowe
Jyll Rubinstein



James Sanford
Scott Schroat
Craig Scott
Tammy Searles
Tonya Searles
Laura Shaw

Carrena Sheene
Michael Sheffield
Susan Shepard
Dawn Siford
Shelly Simons
Troy Simons

Boob-Tube Fanatics

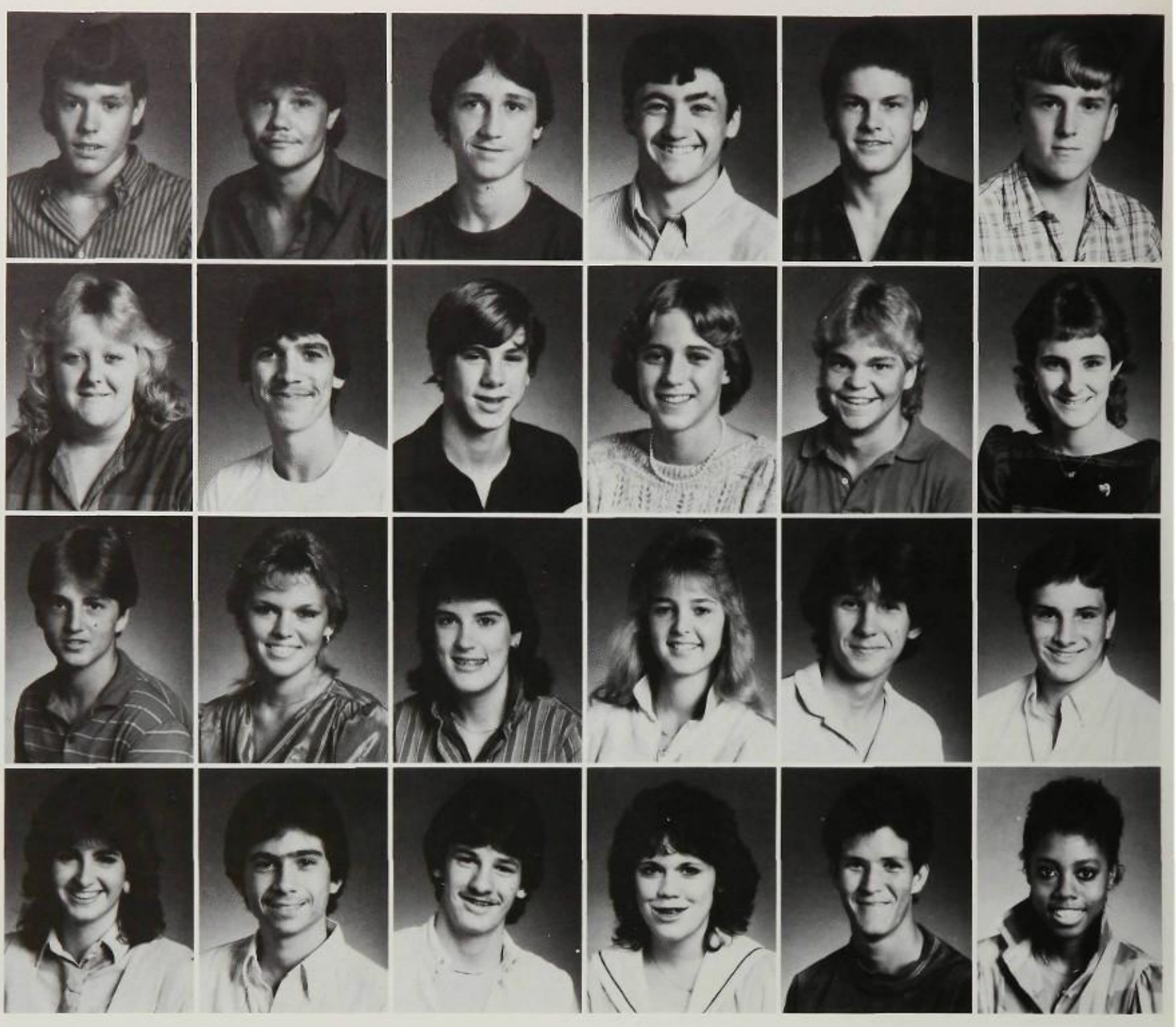
Prime time, soap operas, and cartoons occupied many hours of free time as North High's Red Knights cheered and loved their television heroes and villains.

Prime time favorites ranged from "Miami Vice" to "Remington Steele" and "The A-Team." When students found free time from their busy schedules, they could be found engrossed in the various dramas and comedies that made up prime time viewing hours.

After the final 2:00 dismissal bell, many students hurried home to watch the ever-popular soap operas. "Guiding Light" topped the list for most avid soap opera fans. The adventurous scenes in Barbados and the love triangle between Roxie, Mindy, and Rick kept many viewers glued to their television sets. "General Hospital" was a close second favorite of dedicated fans with the return of Luke and Laura.

Those Red Knights who lacked the fever of the soaps, often tuned to Channel 44 to catch their favorite cartoons such as "The Flintstones" and "Scooby-Doo." These animated cartoons provided the students the chance to escape from the world of advanced classes, demanding jobs, and numerous extra-curricular activities.

Although free time was often scarce for North students, when it could be squeezed out of their busy schedules, they used the time to watch their favorite television shows. With the popularity of home VCR's they could tape their shows and watch them at their convenience. Many settled in front of the "boob tube" with their favorite snacks in patient anticipation of their favorite television shows.



Mark Singletary
Andrew Smith
Steven Smith
Lee Snyder
Gregory Stanford
Albert Stott

Julie Strickland
John Stump
Christian Summerall
Michelle Sutton
Keith Tapio
Debi Tessier

Theodore Teter
Leigh Thar
Laura Thomas
Carla Townsend
Robert Trubiano
Wesley Underwood

Jennifer Valella
Joseph Valentino
Richard VanRyckeghem
Nancy Vracar
Mark Waldee
Debrena Walker

Fitness Kills Fat

North High's Red Knights have always cared about their appearance and physical well-being. Yet, it has been difficult to individually determine the degree of physical fitness that one's body is in. Who would be in better shape — the ninety-pound girl or the one hundred seventy-five pound boy? Does thinness really indicate better health and fitness? During our Silver Anniversary year, North's Red Knights were determined to find answers to questions like these.

In order to get honest, legitimate answers to questions like those, North's students, staff, administration and faculty employed the use of a "fitness machine." This machine gave the general fitness based on a person's weight and fat content. All a person had to do was weigh in, give his exact height measurement, tell his correct age, and indicate whether he was active or inactive. After having supplied all that information, he fed it into the fitness machine. Then, the person lay on the table and the machine's sensors were hooked to his feet and hands, and a slight current ran through his body. This current measured his resistance to the current.

The whole process was completed in approximately five minutes. The person got off the table and waited for his analysis. When it was finished, the fitness machine printed out a piece of paper with the person's fat content and what he should ideally weigh. It also made recommendations on exercise programs and whether that person should eat more or less.

Red Knights took the analyses made by the fitness machine seriously. During those days it was set up in the gym, hundreds of students and adults took advantage of the invaluable information it offered each person. As North's Red Knights have always known, there is always room for improvement, and this year they really went for it.

Paul Walsh
JoBeth Ward
Ricky Ward
Lorenda Washington
Richard Welch
Stephanie West

David Whidden
James Whittle
Lisa Whittye
Kimberly Wiedler
Raymond Wildman
Pamela Willard

Joyce Williams
Vircel Williams
Maleta Wilson
William Wilson
Christina Winnett
Melissa Wittwer

Tammy Wittwer
Staci Woodruff
Amy Wright
Bradford Wright
Patrick Wright
Michelle Young

Feeding information to the fitness machine is *Mike Harkins*.

Waiting for their fitness analyses are *Kim Holland* and *Randy Cooley*.

The Class of '87

This year, sophomore executive council members probably felt more secure with their decisions and choices than they did the year before. The truth is they should have because after all, they already had a year's experience. The '84-'85 sophomore executive council proved to be bigger and better, and every member was just overflowing with ideas. From fund-raisers to fun activities, all sophomores were delighted with their own brilliance in choosing their class activities.

Their fund raisers were quite successful and unusual. At Christmas time they sold red carnations for anyone to purchase, whether for a friend or someone a little more special. The sophomore executive council didn't set a financial goal for the year, but thrived with as many fund raising activities as possible. From car washes to bake sales, they did it all with great enthusiasm and hopes for a substantial profit. The money was earned for their junior year and the prom they will provide. "It can never be too early to start saving for something as special as the junior-senior prom," said their sponsor *Mrs. Lynn McDill.* She was right because, as numerous sophomores soon learned, it is never too early for fund-raising projects.

The sophomore executive council officers were as important as their sponsors. They made decisions and came up with ideas. These officers were president *Jeanean Davis,* vice-president *Christina Sievert,* secretary *Gabi Ponzio,* class coordinator *Sarah Novin,* and treasurer *Mary Paris.*

As the 84-85 school year came to its glorious end, the sophomore class transformed from an inexperienced underclass to a confident and successful upperclass.

Front Row – Tina Overholt, Lorri Greer, Debbie Shultz, Debbi Lockhart, Beth Runnells **Second Row** – Traci Boyd, Trina Williams, Marci Moringo, Wendy Crosby, Hope Patterson, Isabe Scott, Stephanie Dunn **Third Row** – Rob Pearce, Stacy Sheffler, Kelly McGuinness, Cindy Hord, Vice President Christina Siervert, President Jennean Davis, Secretary Gabi Ponzio Treasurer Mary Ellen Paris, Class Coordinator Sarah Novin, Kim Wootten, Kelly Ludwig **Back Row** – Mrs. Lynn McDill, Chris Spurlin, Amy Lewis, Alan Morales, Bobbi Jo Little, Aller Combs, Scott Kiernan, Troy Thompson.

North's seniors attend night school.

Knights at Night

When the final bell rang at the end of the school day most students assumed the campus became silent. This was not the case at North Fort Myers High School.

As Red Knights settled into their out-of-school activities, a new set of eager students took over the familiar edifice on Orange Grove Boulevard. The Community School operated a complete educational program for adults, four nights a week, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Under the direction of *Mrs. Virginia Branson,* Adult and Community Education Coordinator, the campus was a beehive of activity as her clients discovered new vocational and recreational activities. Everything from clogging to woodshop, computer programming to landscaping, accounting to microwave cooking, was offered in the evening program. Throughout the week it was not unusual to find a library full of perspiring woman going through their aerobic routines, while "new-Americans" sat in class attempting to master our complicated forms of written and oral comunication.

An important aspect of the special "night school" was the availability of high school credit courses. High school students from all five county high schools enrolled in English, social studies, mathematics, business, or science classes to make up a needed credit or earn an extra one to permit an early graduation.

Good utilization of educational facilities and the opportunity to learn new skills, to broaden one's interests, and to meet new people . . . tha sums up the "after-hours" program at North High. Through the years it has become an increasingly important aspect of education in Lee County.

Elizabeth Abersold
Calvin Alverez
Denise Anderson
Timothy Archer
Michelle Bahrs
Michelle Bainter

Jenene Barber
Sabrina Barnes
Rosalyn Bass
Eric Baumer
Leslie Bayliss
Robyn Beadles

Jane Bemben
June Bemben
Dawn Bowker
Judith Bowne
Traci Boyd
Karen Boyette

Michael Brandt
Tracie Bridges
George Brockett
Billy Brogg
Michael Brown
Sharon Brown

Maybe Nobody Noticed . . .

For one unsuspecting female Red Knight, it all started around 7:00 a.m. on a Monday morning. She threw on her clothes from every-which drawer and, not to be late to school, dashed out the door without even checking her appearance. Upon arriving at school she noticed the people were looking at her, pointing their fingers, and laughing. She dashed to the restroom where she discovered that she was wearing her pink fluorescent Jordache dress pants with a green Izod shirt.

Another Red Knight sat down on a bench by the Knight, only to discover he had just sat in a mixture of banana and catsup that was glopped on the bench. Yet another Red Knight had no problem with wearing matching clothes, but she received many comments on how different she looked and on the great number of freckles she had. A trip to the restroom led her to the discovery she wore no make-up.

These incidents are a few examples of embarrassing moments that North's students have experienced. Another embarrassing happening was tripping over the sidewalk as one came up by the science building, or the catching of a high heel in the grids by the doors of the science building. That seemed to frequently happen to many a young lady, including faculty members.

Several incidents took place in the cafeteria, including the dropping of lunches while hundreds of people watched and laughed. The lunch line posed a problem for those who, after standing in line for what seemed like hours, got to the cash register to discover a total lack of cash.

Passing notes posed tremendous problems. When notes were intercepted, the unsympathetic teacher often let the whole class in on the composers' weekend happenings.

Many Red Knights endured embarrassing moments and learned to laugh right along with the crowd.

Brian Broxterman
Barry Brumagin
Jackie Burns
Rebecca Busbee
Gibby Byrd
Lawrence Cansdale

Brenda Capps
Edwin Carter
Debbie Casey
Randy Chikosky
Michelle Chouinard
Sharon Clark

Lisa Clevenger
Walter Cole
Caesar Collazo
Patrick Collins
Alan Combs
Stephanie Conrad

David Cook
Patricia Cooker
Bert Cool
Frank Cornelison
Todd Cottrill
Janele Crawford

Tripping on the sidewalk freshman *Deana Wiant* and her books go flying.

Oblivious to the paper caught on her shoe, *Kelly Ludwig* leaves the restroom while *Meredith Ward* stands in hysterics.

Wendy Crosby
Anna Crouch
Kristina Crowningshield
Michele D'Angelo
Earl Davis
Jeanean Davis

Tracy Deantoni
Kimberly Decker
Amy DeCoster
Carolyn Del Vecchio
Renee Deno
Geraldine Devens

Lori Dials
Jennifer Dickey
Michael Dickey
James Diggs
Paul Diogo
Thomas Ditter

Reginald Dixon
Kenneth Dobson
Alexander DosSantos
John Drake
Shannon Dukes
Mark Dunaway

Stephanie Dunn
Michael Durkin
Jeffrey Earhart
Ronda Eash
James Edwards
Staci Edwards

Pamela Eignor
Donald Ellingsworth
Gregory Esquivel
Catherine Evans
Matthew Evans
Patrick Evans

Bruce Everett
Darin Falk
Traci Fargnoli
Danielle Farnum
Dean Fellers
Gene Fellers

Laura Filkill
Preston Finley
Christopher Fisher
Christopher Flaker
Alice Flipse
Joseph Fortini

Wendy's worker *Sandra Beigh* smiles as she helps a customer.

Red Knight *Jenny Valella* mounts a pearl on a ring at The Shell Factory.

Becky Freed
David Frogge
Amy Gage
Colleen Gallagher
Victor Gentile
John Godwin

Juanita Gonzalez
Stacey Goodwin
Michael Graham
Alex Gran
Tammy Grant
Karen Green

Keith Green
Kenneth Green
Timothy Greene
Lorri Greer
John Griffin
Karen Grim

Kimberly Grise
Scott Grissom
Donna Grobmeier
Jeffrey Gully
James Hagie
Rebecca Hand

The Real World of Labor

After a long hard, mind-boggling day at school, North High Red Knights would have really appreciated being able to go home, eat, watch television, and take a nap. For many, that luxury was not affordable. A large percentage of North's students found it necessary to hold jobs in addition to coping with their school responsibilites.

Most students' jobs were considered part-time employment. They included working at fast-food restaurants, convenient stores, department stores, supermarkets, discount stores, shoe stores, card shops, and in offices.

Naturally, Red Knights would have preferred having free time for more enjoyable activities like going to the beach, the movies, or to wild parties, but in order to participate in those activities, they needed money. Over half of the student body at North High was working by the time they were in the eleventh grade.

Paychecks varied according to the type of employment, the employer, number of hours worked and, occasionally, amount of commission on items sold. Students who worked in fast-food restaurants usually earned minimum wage and received a raise every few months. Cashiers at local supermarkets generally earned a higher hourly rate than minimum wage. A few Red Knights received tips by working as waitresses in restaurants.

Wherever they worked, North's students worked hard, and were dependable employees in the "real" world of labor.

Jennifer Hansel
Ronald Harris
Steven Hassenzahl
Tony Hawkins
Ronald Herbert
Michael Hettinger

Kenneth Hill
Alan Hirshals
Brian Hitzing
Sean Holbrook
Cynthia Holland
Deborah Holmes

Jody Holt
Cynthia Hord
Charles Horner
Dean Houdesheldt
Heather Hugenot
Tracy Hughett

Nicholas Inbody
Kimberly Ivy
Lynn Jackson
Kammie Janssen
Karmela Janssen
Faye Jennings

Spreading the Word

North High's Red Knights used many ingenious ways to communicate with each other. It was not uncommon for one to walk in his class, take a seat, and find a dialogue written by a number of different people scratched on the desk top. He put his arm down, lifted it up to realize the message was now displayed on that arm. He glanced on the floor and discovered a neatly folded piece of paper. He reached for it, unfolded it, and read about some of the latest hot gossip. Astonished by what he read, he then walked to the teacher's desk and asked permission to use the restroom. Once he received the teacher's permission, he ventured to the bathroom where he learned that "Joey loves Jenny" and what were the telephone numbers of at least a dozen other students.

For many Red Knights, taking out a sheet of paper and a pen for notes meant that the teacher's dictated notes would not be scribbled on that paper. Instead, painstaking care and many intense hours were spent writing in secret codes, fancy script, and just plain print. Many students resorted to secret codes in case their notes were picked up by a teacher or even an innocent bystander, and all their most intimate secrets and private gossip was revealed.

For those students who had no paper, the desk or table tops became fresh pads of paper. Desks also served as a handy place to get a little needed help on tests, as well as get information on the latest school romances.

These were merely a few of the ways that Red Knights conveyed their messages. Neatly or sloppily written, secretly delivered or revealed on a desk top or bathroom wall, North's Red Knights found ways to communicate.

Cheryl Jerz
Ronald Jiles
Benjamin Johnson
Cherrice Johnson
Eric Johnson
Felix Johnson

Michelle Johnson
Pamela Katruske
Darrell Kidd
Scott Kiernan
Jennifer Kight
Benny Kirkland

Montgomery Kirkland
Rena Kirkpatrick
Melanie Klear
Jeffry Koehn
Robert Kuehn
Don Landis

Rena Lane
Dulcey Lawson
Sandra Leach
Jack Lee
Cindy Leece
Lori Leonard

Decorating the desk top is *David Mann*.

Kim Ward passes her daily gossip back to a friend.

D.J.'s *Jimmy G., M. C. Flash,* and the *Soul Sonie Kid* pose by their favorite jam box.

Getting off to the "beat" are D.J.'s *James Hall, Jimmy Miller,* and *Ricky Washington.*

Sean Leverone
Amy Lewis
Derek Likes
Stacy Linder
Bobbie Jo Little
Deborah Lockhart

Randy Long
Kelly Ludwig
Alysia Lundy
Jennifer Lynn
Michelle Lyons
Theresa Maffei

Jeffrey Maines
Vicki Malone
Suzanne Marcellin
Cindy Marks
Lanna Marsh
Renee Marsh

Jerry Mathews
Shannon McClure
Kristin McConnell
Jonathan McCurdy
Kelly McGuinness
Kelly McKain

Rappin' 'Round Campus

"Our school is just like a Tee.
North celebrates its 25th anniversary."

Those lines were heard several times during this past school year as North's popular dee jays recorded various radio announcements. North High proudly boasted four talented student dee jays who worked professionally at this job. One of the four worked nightly at "Garfield's Lounge" in Fort Myers, and the other three had their own group called "The Fantasy Four."

"The Fantasy Four" was known for its outstanding school raps for different school activities and clubs. The group consisted of leader *James "Flash" Hall, Ricky "Soul" Washington, Jimmy "Sonic Kid" Miller,* and former Red Knight *Cedric "Sweet" Putnam.* They also D.J.'d at local parties in Lee County and at North High School dances. "Fantasy Four" specialized in mixing and recording, and spent many hours practicing so they could be considered Red Knights' favorite dee jays.

Kerry Johnson, better known as *"KJ the DJ,"* started rapping for North High three years ago. Encouraged by his overwhelming success in school rapping, *Kerry* immediately became employed as professional entertainer. In addition to performing his raps at football and basketball games, *Kerry* worked at Garfield's Lounge.

These four talented young men helped Red Knights celebrate this special year through their tapes and performances during the school year.

Timothy Merritt
Donna Meceli
LaShawn Middlebrooks
Anna Miller
Duane Miller
Paula Miller

Leah Minotti
Renee Mitchell
Cheryl Modtland
Alan Morales
Zunia Morris
Shannon Mueller

Camille Nason
Heather Newbern
Heidi Nichols
Nathan Nichols
Sarah Novin
Christine O'Shea

Martine Overholt
Mary Paris
Brian Parisi
Darryl Parker
Angela Pate
Hope Patterson

Highly Rated Hits

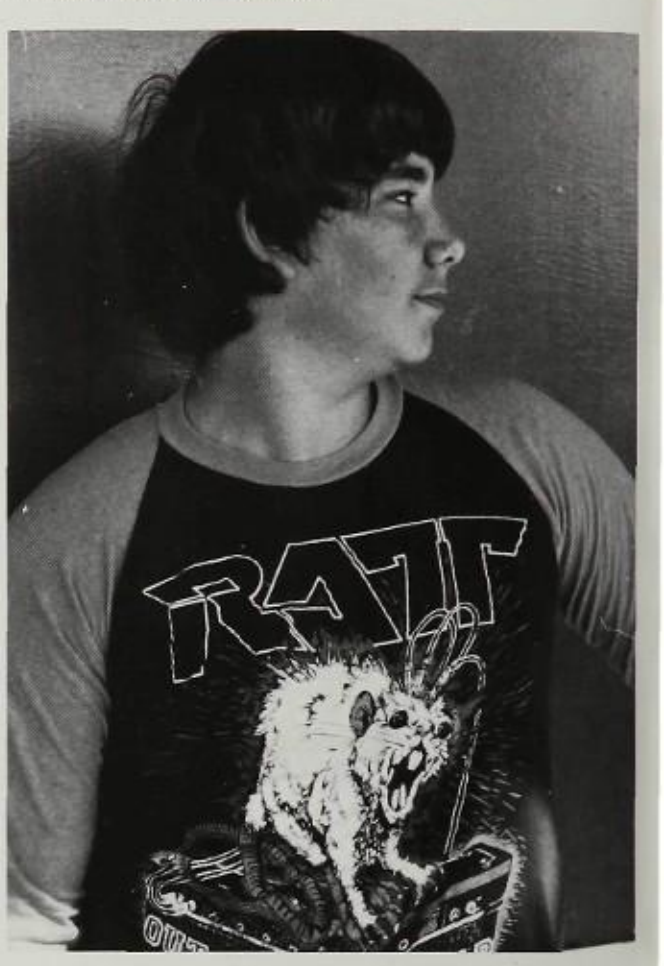
Music seems to be an essential part of life for many teenagers. Different people have always enjoyed different types of music. Here at North High School, students were varied in their liking of music. This was evidenced on classroom desks, bathroom walls, T-shirts, folders and posters in lockers throughout campus. Some Red Knights, like Nemesis, even liked to write, play, and record their own music.

As for listening pleasure, there were country lovers who were interested in Hank Williams, Jr. and Alabama. Hard rock fans listened to the metal sounds of Dio, Twisted Sister, Ratt, and Iron Maiden. The top forties were prevalent for listening pleasure, while soul music was popular with some. Students frequently sneaked "illegal" radios, cassette players, Walkman radios, and even jam boxes on campus for listening to whenever possible.

The "oldies-but-goodies" were still enjoyed by the sounds of Led Zepplin, The Beatles, Yes, Pink Floyd, and Bob Seger. Petra, the Christian rockers, remained popular with some Red Knights. Some preferred the classical sounds of Mozart, Beethoven, and Bach.

Twenty-five years ago North's Red Knights listened to Elvis, Fabian, Frankie Avalon, and Connie Francis. Throughout the years, music changed in content and sound, but it has always been a vital part of many lives. For some students, life wouldn't be nearly as great without the good-ole-radio.

Wearing a shirt which represents one of his favorite musical groups is *Robby Hicks*.



Arlene Patton
Michael Pavlus
Alexx Paz
Rob Pearce
Martha Pleil
Lee Pohle

Gabriella Ponzio
James Prezioso
Dean Price
Aaron Pruite
Kellie Reed
Tobi Reist

Daniel Rodgers
Heather Ruch
Jessica Rudd
Lynda Rudd
Joseph Rule
Elizabeth Runnells

John Russo
Daniel Ruth
Frank Rutkowski
Cinnamon Saltzman
Tracy Sanders
Isabelle Scott

Hundreds of records and tapes wait to be bought by Red Knights.

Steve Pearce and *James Pollard* of Nemesis open for the "hit" band Styrker.

Cindy Scritchfield
LeAnn Scudder
Douglas Semler
Sandra Senesac
Eric Sheehan
Jennifer Sheets

Stacy Sheffler
Kristy Sherman
Debra Shultz
Christina Sievert
Robert Siller
Jennifer Smith

Kenneth Smith
Kimberly Smith
Shawn Smith
Jill Solich
Robin Speas
Tina Spriggs

Christopher Spurlin
Richard Steel
Valorie Summerall
Sean Swaney
John Taylor
Kelly Thoman

Julie Thomas
Kimberly Thompson
Troy Thompson
Priscilla Tolbert
Melody Trinm
Kimberly Tucek

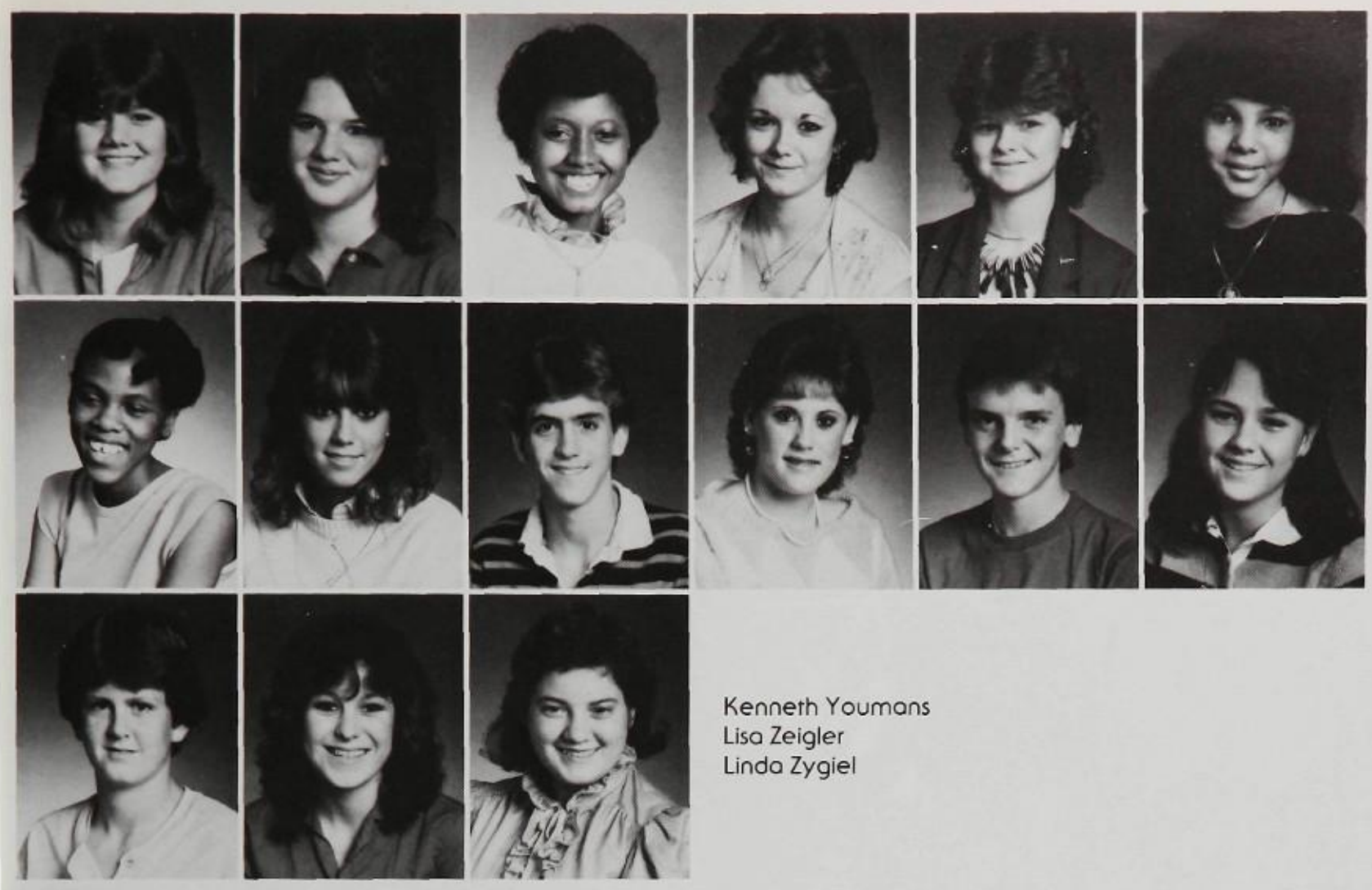
William Turbeville
Felix Tyre
Thomas Ulino
Allan VanRyckeghem
Robert Vetri
Ernest Vickers

Daniel Virgl
Anne Visser
James Walls
Wendy Walters
Alan Waltman
Jimmy Ward

Jessica Webster
Brian Weichmann
Jennifer Welch
Jennie Whelan
David Whitaker
Teresa White

As *Staci Woodruff* attempts to make it around the barrel, she leans to help her horse.

Red Knight *Staci Woodruff* rides proudly upon her horse Quick Dandy.



Marcella Wierengo
Anna Wiklund
Carolyn Williams
Jacquelyn Williams
Libby Williams
Richelle Williams

Teresa Williams
Trina Williams
Gary Willoughby
Kimberly Wooten
Travis Wright
Melody Wyatt

Kenneth Youmans
Lisa Zeigler
Linda Zygiel

Expert horse trainer *Staci Woodruff* practices with her horse before the show.

Riding in Style

Red Knights have always been known to be "special" people. They have been regarded as the "best in their field" and as "one of a kind."

Junior *Staci Woodruff* is just one of these Red Knights. She is the only girl in Lee County to be a Grand Champion Barrel Racer.

From early childhood *Staci* has loved and ridden horses. At the young age of eleven she started running barrels on her first barrel horse which she called Sugar. By the age of thirteen she had won state finals in 4-H Club.

Staci continued her riding and racing as she entered North Fort Myers High School. During each of her three years as a student at North she participated in high school rodeo. In 1981 she was awarded Grand Champion Barrel Racer at the Sheriff's Posse. She has won over 100 trophies and approximately 250 ribbons — most of which were first place ribbons and trophies. Twice she made All-Around High Point in competition in Punta Gorda.

Earlier this past school year *Staci* bought her new seven-year old horse from racing stock. With her registered quarter horse Buddy, *Staci* will compete at state and national finals.

Coaching both *Staci* and her horse Buddy, was *Mary Jane Robinson,* a former World Champion Barrel Racer. With the help of *Mary Jane, Staci* plans to continue in high school rodeo. Next year she plans to try her luck at break-away roping.

After high school rodeo she wants to attend Aback College in Georgia. She will take Buddy to school with her and they will run college rodeo. After college it will be off to the Professional Rodeo Circuit Association for *Staci* and Buddy. Her ultimate goal is to have her own ranch and her own training facilities.

Staci is not only "best in her field," she is also "one of a kind."

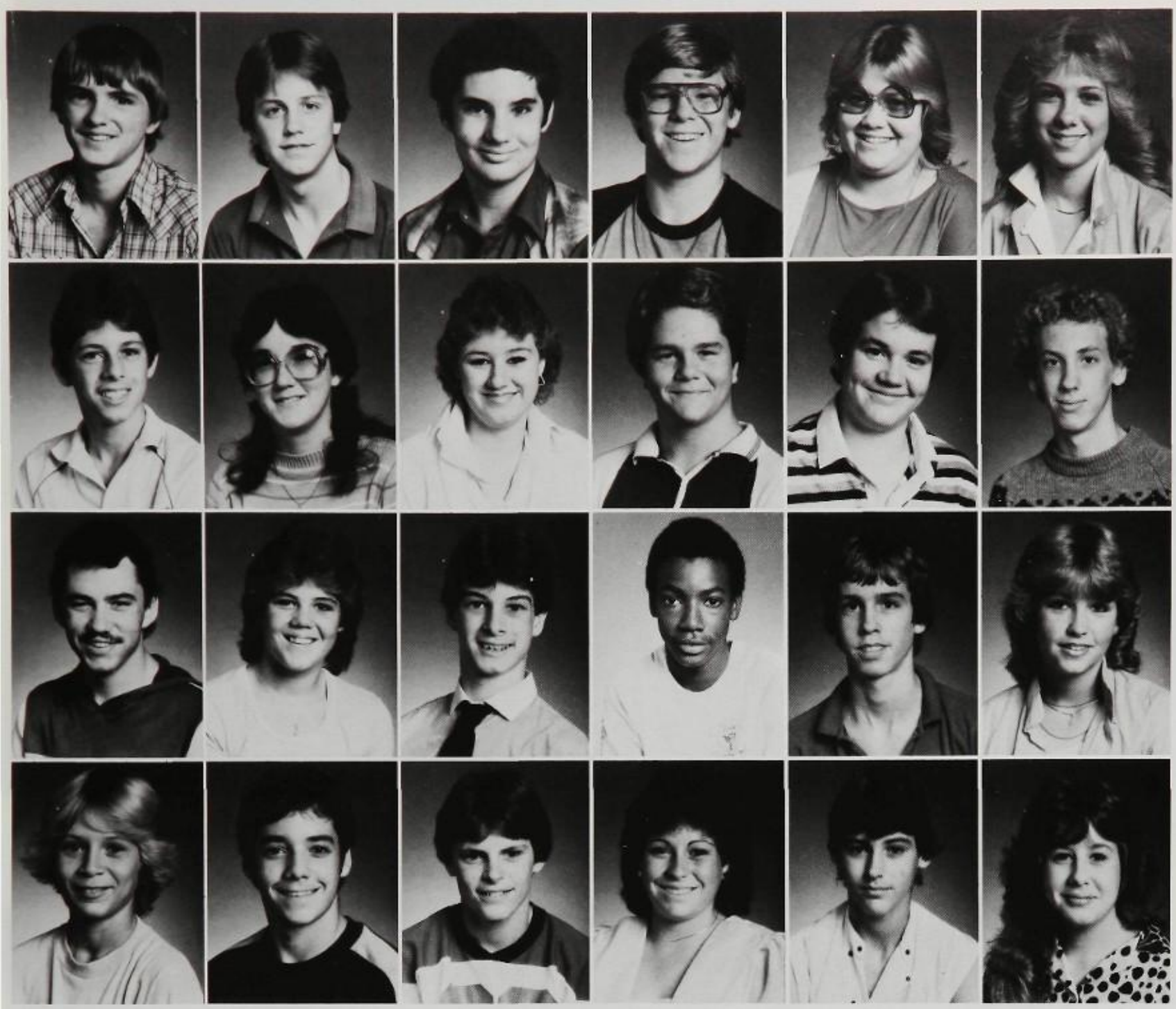
Front Row – *Christy McDonald, Laura Britton, Sharon Brockway, Charmaine Hattar, Debbie DeVito, Tammy Crosby, Steve Whittle, Brian Standford* **Second Row** – *Greg Weber, Louise Daly, Donnie Novin, Eric Neidigh, Leigh Ann Young, Meredith Ward, Linda Schaaf, Vicki Gurrey, Lisa Skinner, Deana Wiant, Rana Speas, Kim Schffield, Curt Randall, Mr. Steve Conley* **Back Row** – *Treasurer Jimmy Gallman, Class Coordinator Mikkie Haggard, President Jeff Harmon, Secretary Penny Walker, President Shane Berry.*

The Class of '88

When one was a freshman and heard the phrase "executive council," all sorts of wild images might have bounced through his head — a picture of a group of freshman dressed in fancy suits, or a vision of a group gathered in a smokey room at a business meeting. The reality of it was that anyone could join, anyone, that is, who was a freshman. With a sponsor like *Mr. Steve Conley* supporting them how could they go wrong?

The freshman executive council officers were President *Jeff Harmon*, Vice-President *Shane Berry*, Treasurer *Jim Hallman*, Class Coordinator *Mikki Haggard*, and Secretary *Penny Walker*. Each had important jobs to perform. As class representatives, they were expected to get themselves, as well as their entire class, recognized by the rest of the school. This year's officers did just that. One of the ways they did this was with fund raisers. With their goal set at $500, the freshmen came incredibly close to that with their balloon sales during Homecoming Week and at football games. Just why were they saving all of this money? *Mr. Conley* explained, "We decided that we wanted to go ahead and start saving for the Prom and the expenses that would come in our junior year."

Like any other club, the freshman executive council met during activity periods, and sometimes out of school to plan activities and fundraisers. This dynamic group of students who joined the Red Knight family just this year adapted quickly and soon became an integral part of North High School's student body.



Ronnie Abney
William Alford
Ceal Alhrthar
John Allstenman
Rebecca Ames
Tobey Ammons

Daniel Amoroso
Crystal Anthony
Dawn Arndt
Harold Askew
Chad Atchison
Brian Atkins

Tommy Atkins
Kathy Babcock
Sean Bacon
Alfonso Bailey
Ronald Ball
Jennifer Ballard

Lawrence Barber
Gregory Barker
Rick Barton
Shona Barton
Daniel Bassett
Andrea Batcher

Slides and Spins

Breakin'
Breakin'
Breakin' to the beat
Break til you feel the Soul Sonic heat.
Break on your back,
Break on your head.
Break til you feel you're almost dead.
Breakin's to the east,
Breakin's to the west,
North's gonna show you who breaks the best.

Energy, acrobatics, and rhythm were all combined in the dance craze of this past year. Breakin' was introduced to most Red Knights through the movies *Breakin', Breakin II, Electric Boogaloo,* and *Beat Street.*

Numerous students attempted the spins, slides, and gymnastics of the dance, but not all were successful. Most found that the most they accomplished were bruises, rug and floor burns, holes in their clothing, and headaches.

Breakin' was actually started ten years ago in New York City by members of the city's street gangs. Instead of fighting, they would "break" against each other. They challenged the opposing gang members by performing intricate break routines in an attempt to prove their own gang's superiority. Within eight years, this dance style became popular with students throughout the country.

A local group was started in Lee County this school year. One of the seven members of the group, Renegade Rockers, was a freshman here at North High. *Leroy, Limber "K", Knighten* joined the group one year ago, after perfecting his breakin' skills and winning several break dance contests throughout Lee County.

Usually fads and crazes have a short period of explosive appeal to the public, but breakin' was not to burn out this year. Red Knights continued to spin on their heads, shoulders, backs, knees, elbows, and palms of their hands while mothers complained about the ruination of their clothes.

Bodies are strained to snatch the ball for their team.

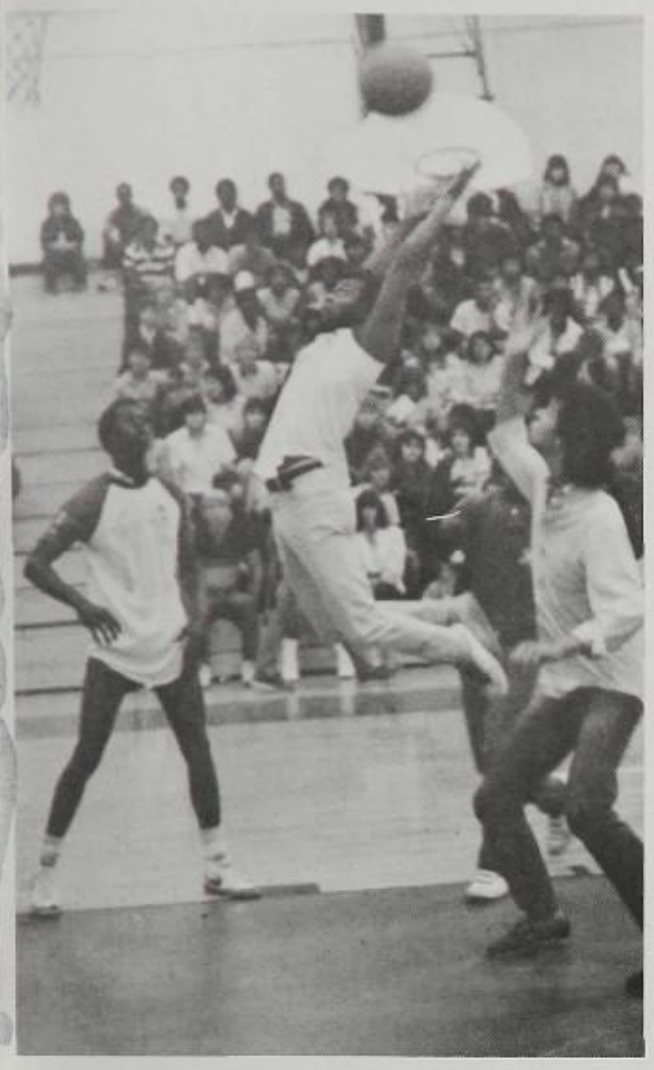
Seniors exert tremendous energy during homeroom basketball.

Jill Bayliss
Angela Beck
Lawrence Beitz
Alford Bell
Latasha Bellamy
James Berry

Shane Berry
Susan Berry
Pete Bertolotti
Penny Bishop
Lynette Blaire
Charles Blair

Kelly Bleedner
Michelle Booth
Teresa Booth
Tonya Borman
Vikki Boss
Michael Botelho

William Bowen
Andy Bowers
Suzanne Brand
Randy Bray
Edward Briggs
Laura Britton



Hoping to capture the homeroom basketball crown, members of *Mrs. Bishop's* homeroom try to score.

Commotion in Motion

What's all that commotion down in the gym? It's the junior-senior homeroom basketball tournament.

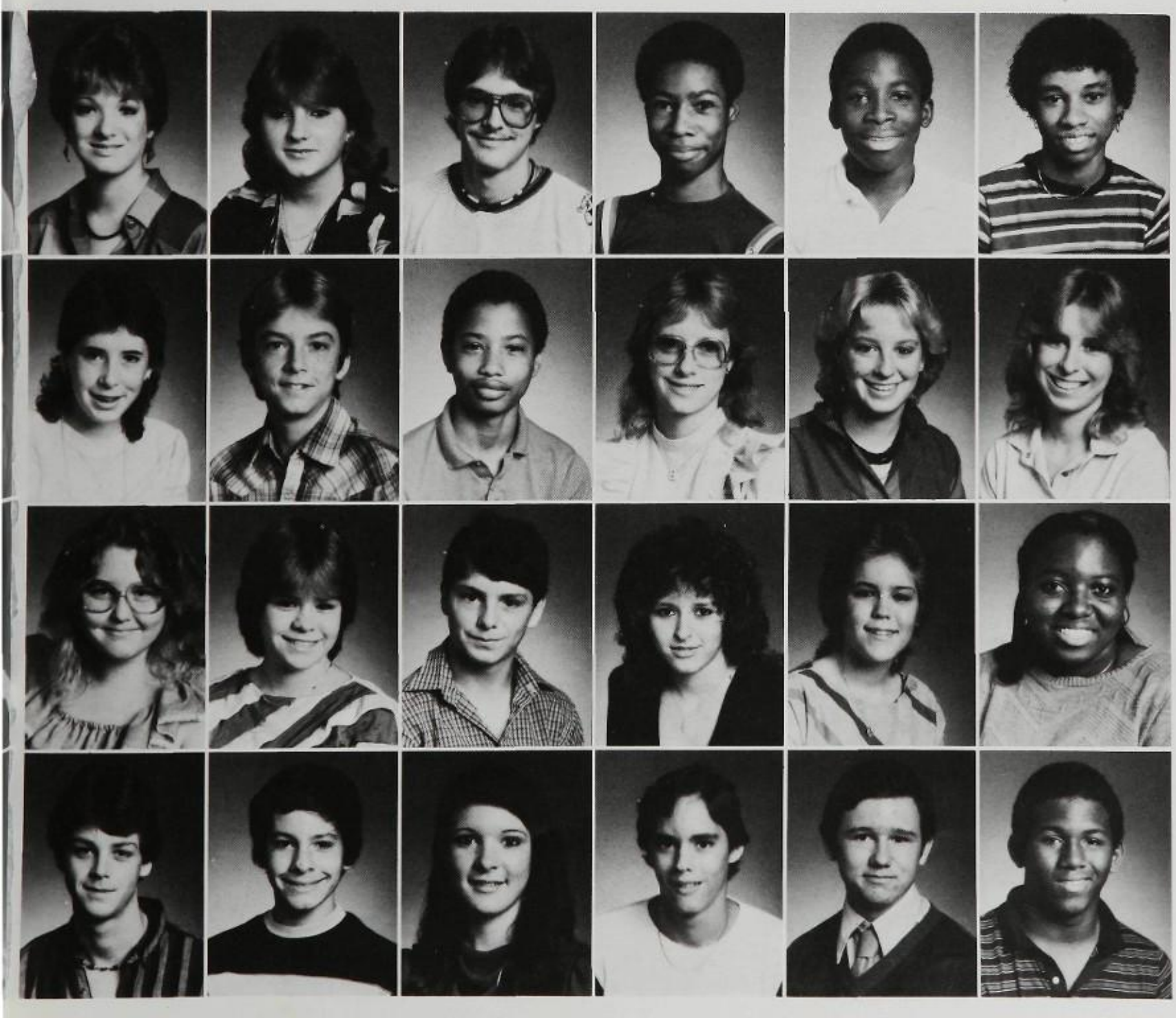
Originated by the Student Advisory Council to involve non-athletes, this tournament gave the juniors and seniors additional activities. The idea for a basketball tournament derived from the volleyball tournament which was started four years ago to get students involved in more of North High's school activities. This past year was the second year for basketball.

To involve the junior varsity and varsity basketball team players who were not eligible for the homeroom contest, there was a Slam-Dunk Contest held to see who was the best in that maneuver.

Every year seemed to bring around a friendly competition among homeroom classes. Some teachers were even known to send out students as "scouts" for the other teams before the big day or play-off.

All of this led to the big championship play-off which all the juniors and seniors were excused to see. This great sports spectacular took place during the activity period when homeroom was extended. The students packed the gym and cheered for their own classes to win the championship.

This year the seniors of *Mrs. Marsha Bishop's* homeroom took the crown, and rumor has it that the sophomores of *this* past year have already begun practicing for *next* year's games!



Sharon Brockway
Debra Brooks
Lee Brooks
Robert Brown
Robert Brown
Isaac Brundage

Susan Brunelle
James Bryant
Lamar Bryson
Becky Bublitz
Dana Bullard
Michele Burden

Tammy Burden
Patricia Burns
David Burruss
Michelle Calderon
Amber Callahan
Monique Campbell

Shawn Carlson
Christopher Carpenter
Michelle Carrier
Daniel Carter
Ellison Carter
James Chaney

A Drastic Change

No longer the top of the totem pole, freshmen took a major slide down the hierarchy as they left middle school and entered North High School. It was a drastic change from being on the top and envied by all the sixth and seventh graders, to being put down and degraded by the upperclassmen of high school. It was a difficult time for all freshmen, but it became an invaluable learning experience. Many freshmen resented the taunting of upperclassmen as they called them "babies" and "immature" but they later realized it was all in fun.

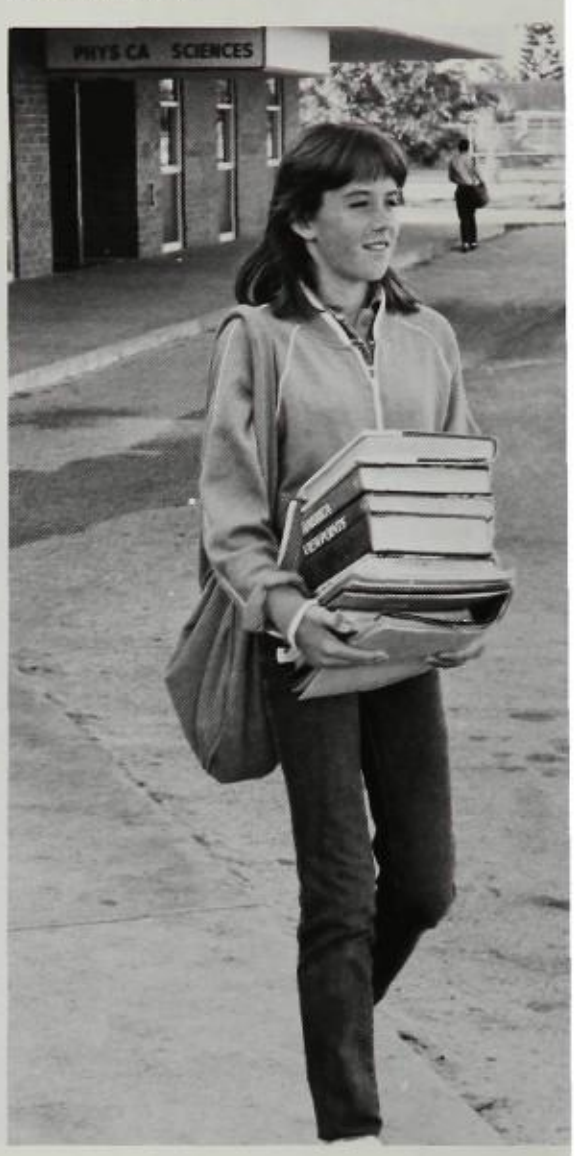
Time schedules, friendships, and major learning experiences all took a change for the best. No longer attending classes from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., or having merely a few friends, freshmen now came to school from 7:25 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and had a range of friends anywhere from 1 to 1500.

Planning for their futures was on their minds as they looked down the road four years to graduation. Assisted by their counselor, freshmen planned their classes to meet county and state requirements.

Freshmen's social lives expanded and improved as they became involved in clubs, organizations and sports. These naive young Red Knights quickly gained maturity as they underwent the enjoyable times as well as the harsh times during their first year.

Freshmen wobbled, but they didn't fall down. They merely kept up their heads and realized they would not be freshmen forever. This one year of name-calling, jokes and put-downs is now in the past, and North's second year veterans are ready to turn the tables and pull rank on next year's freshman class.

Bogged down with the normal freshman loa
Michelle Morrison.



Darcy Chappell
Aaron Clark
David Clark
James Clouse
Wesley Coe
Wilfredo Collazo

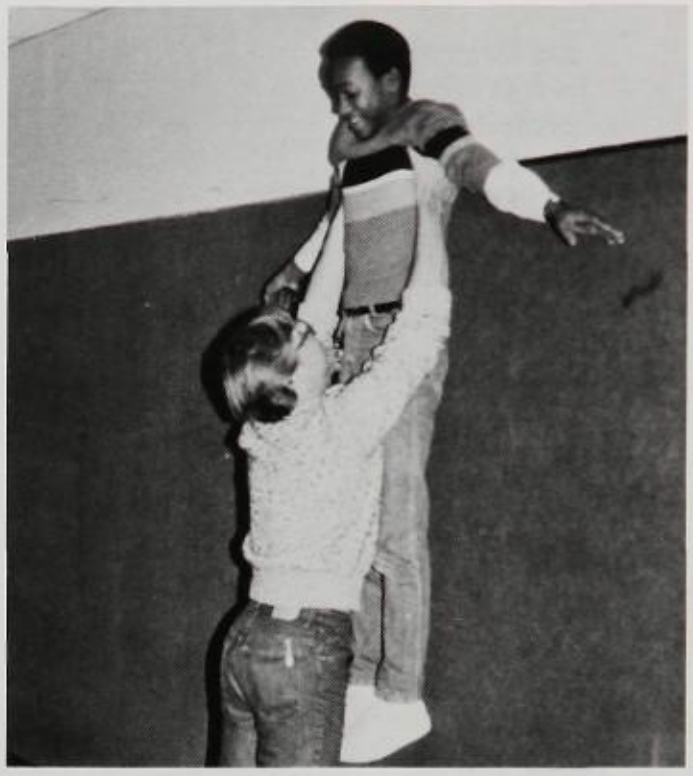
Peggy Collis
Jennifer Conley
Brian Conner
Laurie Conrad
Louise Conrad
Timothy Cook

Randall Cooley
Helen Cooney
Jennifer Core
Buster Cosby
Mark Courtney
Dale Crawford

Joyce Crawford
Tina Creps
Keith Cronin
Tammy Crosby
Brett Culleton
Tammy Cunard

Off to a bad start, freshman *Andrea Smith* drops her books and papers at her locker.

"Hey man! This is brutality to a freshman," exclaims *Tony Knight* as *Bill Cooke* nails him to the wall.



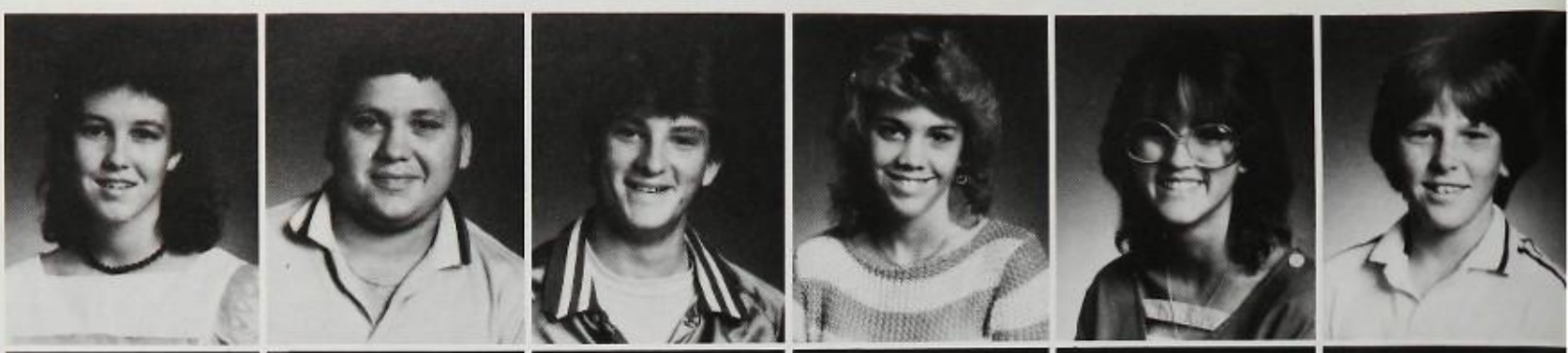
Tomi Cunningham
Jeanette Curington
Lexie Curtis
Sean Cushing
Louise Daly
David Daniels

Reinta Davidson
Allen Davis
Todd Davis
Marybeth Delaney
Laura DelloStritto
Theresa Deming

Leslie Dennis
Robert Dennis
Corey Deno
Roy Denson
Candith DePriest
Deborah Devito

Duncan Dewar
L.A. Dewey
Lucenda Dias
Joseph Dibble
Mark Dickson
Ronald Braa

Louann Drouin
Aaron Durrance
Richard Durrance
Christine Dushek
Jennifer Easley
Laurence Eckhardt



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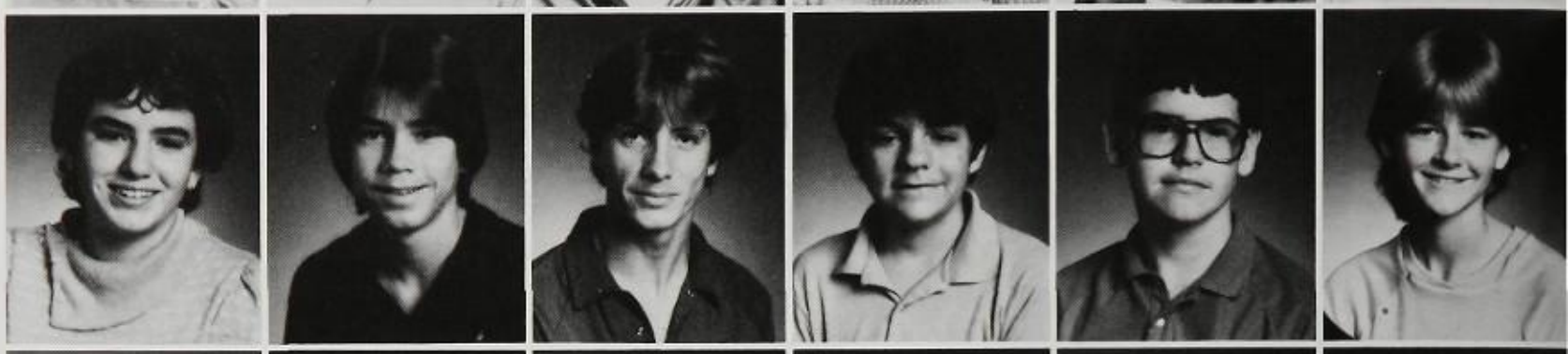
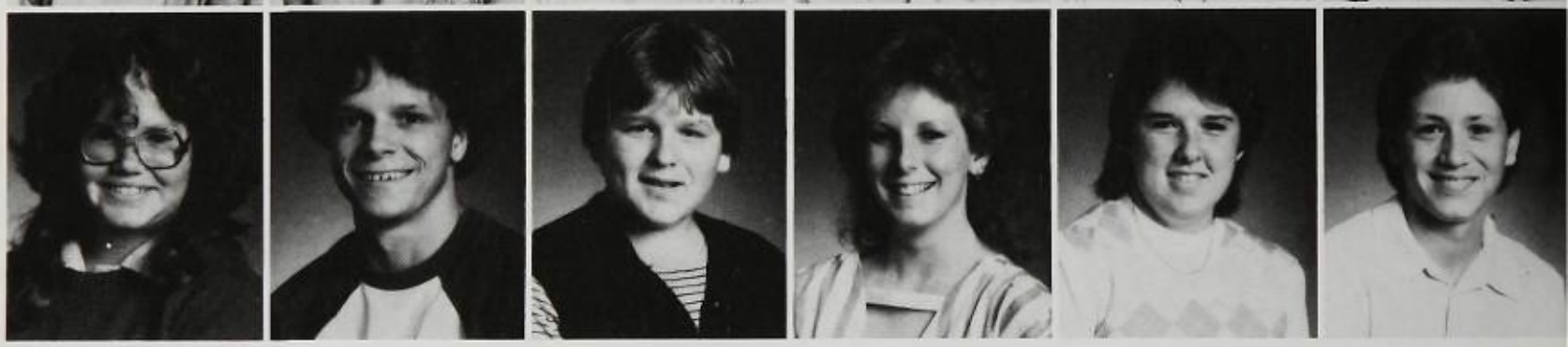
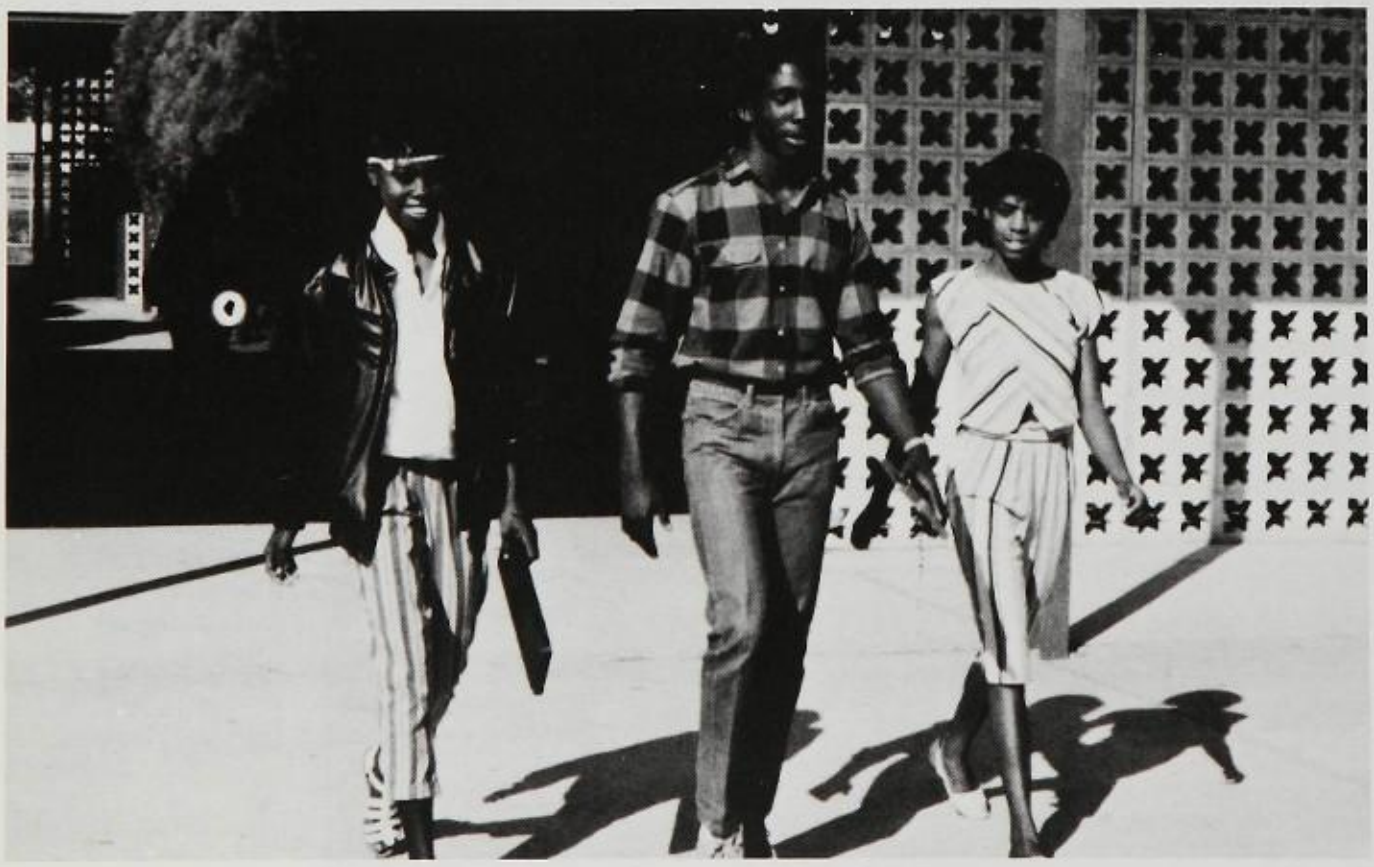
George Effing
Scott Eichner
Christopher Ellis
Mark Enfinger
Donna Estlund



Annie Evans
Joseph Eveland
Adam Fain
Neal Falk
Brian Field
Denise Flener

Donna Fletcher
Robert Flipse
Thomas Follendore
Diana Forester
Amy Fuller
Kevin Fuller





Joining *Derrick Jackson, Tasha Brown* and *Debrena Walker* sport new outfits.

Wearing a new outfit she bought for school, *Dawn Greer* waits for her friends to join her.

James Gallman
Kimberly Gannon
Timothy Gardner
Barbara Garlick
Jonathan Garrison
Carl Geer

Carina Gibbs
Judy Gill
Dawn Glotta
Lyle Gluck
Linda Goetz
Lisa Golden

Pamela Goldsmith
Debra Goss
Robyn Gottliesen
Chevone Graham
Kelly Grant
Toni Gray

Pamela Green
Michael Greger
Mindy Gregory
Jennifer Grier
Andrew Griffin
Vicki Guffey

Neons of North

The half-awake, Red Knight lumbered to homeroom at 7:25 in the morning. Then, around the corner the vision appeared! A flash of hot pink, bright yellow, and fluorescent green!! Was it love? infatuation? or pure shock?

Once the eyes adjusted to the neons, the Red Knight could once again become acclimated and proceed with his daily activities. The neons were bright enough to catch anyone's eyes and were extreme attention-getters.

What made the neons so popular? They were obviously bright and almost shocking. What made people wear them? For some, it was a way to get personal attention; for others it was a fad. For some, neons weren't "their thing."

How did Red Knights coordinate their neons? Only the eyes could tell! They found the brightest, most fluorescent colors an integrated them in their wardrobes to create "shock appeal." The brighter, the better!!!

No matter what anyone's personal taste might have been, he had to admit that neons were an eye-opener.

Wearing the latest style, *Sharon Clark* and *Sandy Rice* converse.

North Gets a Face Lift

When the doors opened in the fall of 1984, several "new" faces were visible around campus. These faces were obviously not those of freshmen — they were older and wore uniforms. Many were on rooftops and ladders. No, they were not invaders from outer space. They were the workmen who were hired to perform a simple operation — repair and repaint North's campus. In other words, give it a face lift.

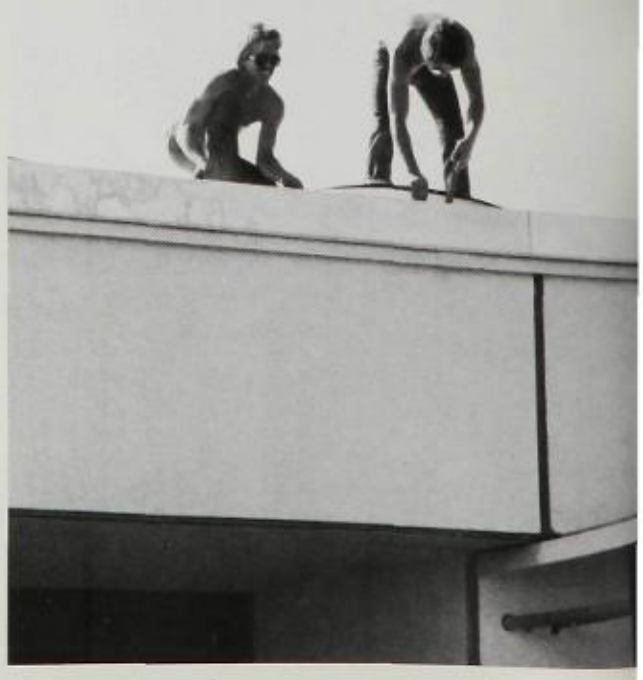
The major repair was focused on the science building. Determining that the roof of the building was possibly "unsafe," the School Board of Lee County commissioned a contract to make the necessary repairs. As all Red Knights knew, the inconvenience would initially lead to a positive end. They never dreamed the inconvenience would be of such magnitude.

The roofers actually worked from dawn to dusk for three months to complete the job. As students sat in class, the rumble of equipment drowned out the voice of the teacher. After a few weeks students became wise and carried aspirin with them to relieve the headache from the smell of tar. One a few occasions, ceilings in classrooms actually fell in and sundry other materials flew around the classroom.

Actually, the repair work was not a major problem — at least not for the female students. The wolf-whistles of the roofers boosted many a young girl's ego.

Other campus improvements included the painting of exterior walls. The facade of the buildings were re-painted to eliminate the work of vandals and touch-up work was done to correct the damage caused by weather and other natural elements.

It is because Red Knights take pride in their campus that all maintenance or repair is done annually, and, in this anniversary year, they worked especially hard to make us look good.



Working dawn to dusk, roofers improve North's looks.

Vivian Highsmith
Michelle Hill
Kimberly Holland
Joseph Hopper
Stacy Hopper
Shari Horne

Scott Horner
Traci Horvath
Randal Howard
Cathy Hudson
Janet Hughes
Samara Iodice

Lori Jackson
Natasha Jackson
Shandra Jackson
Jennifer James
Frederick Jenkins
Mary Jenkins

Sioniqua Jennings
Shawn Jewell
Kirstie Johnson
Mitchell Johnson
Navise Johnson
Thomas Johnson

Putting the finishing touches on their work, workers are about to end the day.

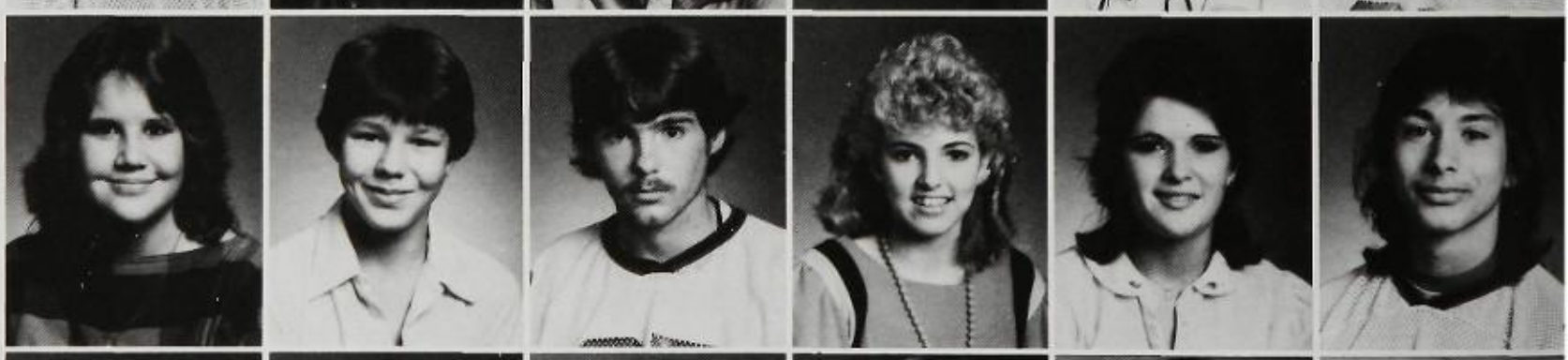
Workers find repair work is strenuous labor.

Enjoying the free breeze, is *Delretta Jones* flying her kite.

Getting a running start to fly her kite is *Toni Giffin.*

Billy Jones
James Jones
Jimmy Jones
Vanessa Jones
Ronald Joray
Ivon Joseph

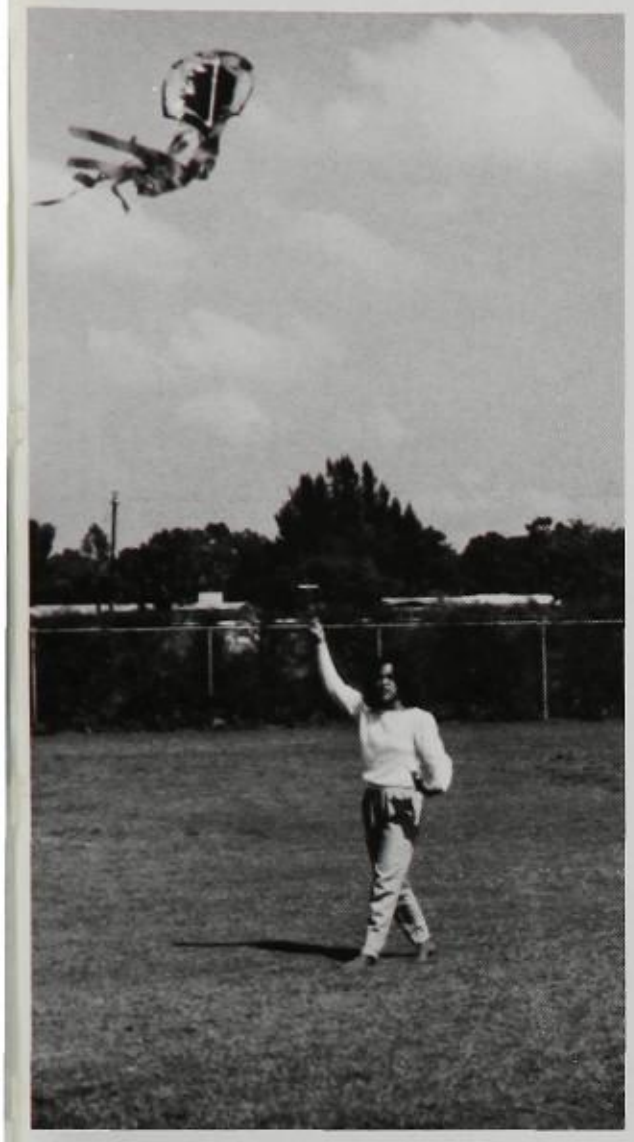
Tracy Kaufmann
Deric Kea
Steven Kelly
Fynette Kennedy
Shelia Kerr
Christopher Kilgore



William Kilgore
Thomas Kinney
David Klingenberg
Ronald Kman
Tony Knight
Leroy Knighten

Leslie Koscheski
Todd Kottkamp
Dawn Krauch
Jeanette Kurth
Teresa Lacey
James Lane

Nina Anuszewski proves her kite will fly.



Up, Up and Away

Kite flying! Isn't that child's play? Such was not the case with the physics students at North Fort Myers High School this year. One of the requirements of *Mr. Lee Werst's* physics class students was to design, make and fly their own kites.

Students were graded on originality in design and structural ability to fly for the greatest length of time. The purpose of this kite project was to enable students to realize many physics concepts and apply them to practical needs.

The assignment was made several weeks in advance, but many students waited until the last minute to design and construct their "projects." Entire families became involved. Parents and brothers and sisters put their heads together to design the most unique kite. All different shapes, sizes, materials, and colors were used in the different kites. Many of the kites were made with garbage bags, wrapping paper, bed sheets, satin cloth, and butcher paper. They were decorated in various ways and the shapes were sometimes regular geometric shapes (round, square, rectangular, triangular) or of unknown vintage.

The smallest kite was a "delta wing glider," made by *Toni Giffin*. She used balsa wood and stretched her materials. Other kites started out big, but ended up small. *Jamie Black's* kite was the second largest kite, but after a crash, it needed some modifications and eventually became smaller.

Kites were decorated with many different designs, such as the creator's name printed all over it, his favorite college name or a brand name printed on it, or a special message embossed on it. As a display of school spirit, *Tracy Jordan* made her kite with the traditional N

Kite flying may seem juvenile and childish to some, but to the physics students it was an adventure and a tremendous learning experience. They felt creative and learned various new physics concepts. Besides, on a warm, balmy day, it was great to go outdoors and "fly one's kite!"

Misty Lane
Charles Larson
Shane Lauber
Julie Layton
General Lee
Lilley Lee

Lisa Lee
Scott Lee
Jennifer Leonad
Jonathan Leonard
Shane Leonard
Dorothy Lias

Edward Lias
Andrea Ligotti
Ronald Lillard
Yulonda Lillard
Stacy Loper
Mary Lovett

Guadalupe Luna
Roger Macdonald
Robert Mains
David Mann
Patrice Mann
Angela Marable

The Morning Routine

At 7:30 each morning, all Red Knights stopped what they were doing and directed their attention to the symbol of American independence. Secretaries stopped typing, custodians stopped cleaning, cafeteria personnel stopped cooking, and students stopped talking, walking, or writing.

Broadcast throughout our campus via the public address system was our national anthem. *The Star-Spangled Banner* was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and twenty seconds of silent meditation.

Since the initiation of this morning ritual, several procedures were attempted. Tapes were made on which the *Star-Spangled Banner* was played by a professional orchestra, was sung by our own Red Knight Chorus, or was sung by solo Red Knight students.

Generally *Mrs. Harriett Bohannon* led everyone on campus in the Pledge to the Flag and meditation, however, occasionally student class officers, members of student government, or drama students proudly did the task.

As Red Knights saluted the flag they also exerted pride in North High School, and as they humbly bowed their heads in silent meditation, they offered thanks for life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Thankful for America, *Amy Pulsifer* and *Brian Peisch* salute the flag.

Melissa Marinell
Thomas Marinell
Cynthia Markland
Karla Marquiss
Troy Martin
Tracy Massey

Amy Masters
Dawn Mathewson
Amy Mathis
James Mathis
Terry Mattox
Christy McDonald

Eugene McElvin
Velisicia McKnight
Alison McNeill
Bill Metz
Matthew Mikkelson
Christopher Miller

Harold Miller
Jennifer Miller
Keith Miller
Kelly Miller
Mark Miller
James Mizell

Showing her patriotism is *Michelle Selby*.

Students rise to their feet during the morning routine.

Charles Montagnari
Donald Moore
Jennifer Moore
Kristi Moore
Michelle Morrison
Debra Morse

Shannon Mumford
Krista Murphy
Lillian Murphy
John Nedeau
Eric Neidigh
Jamie Nein

Tammie Nilsson
John Nipper
Guy Noegel
Sherry Norris
Donald Novin
Stacie Nowacki

Dean O'Banion
Charles Odom
Julie Oliver
Lisa Olmstead
John Orstrom
Joseph Oryl

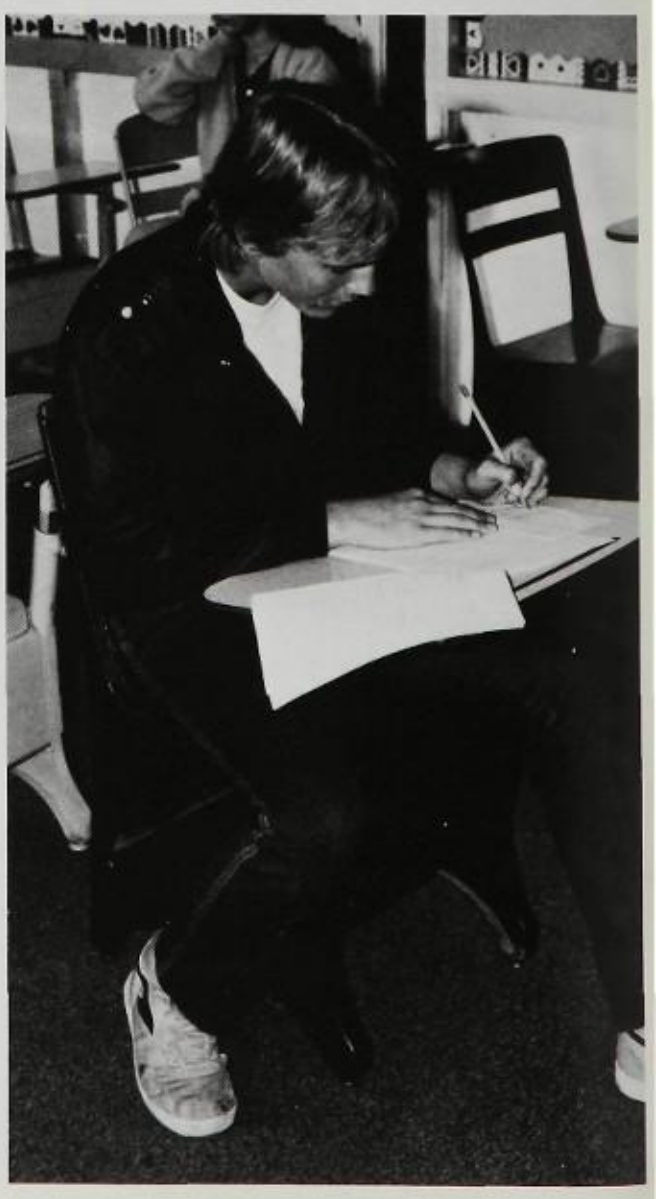
Dawn Osborn
Sandra Osborn
Theresa Owen
Dean Parker
Jennifer Parrish
Steven Pearce

Laurie Pecore
Chris Pelletier
Shelly Pettifor
Michael Phillips
Jari Philson
Donald Pickett

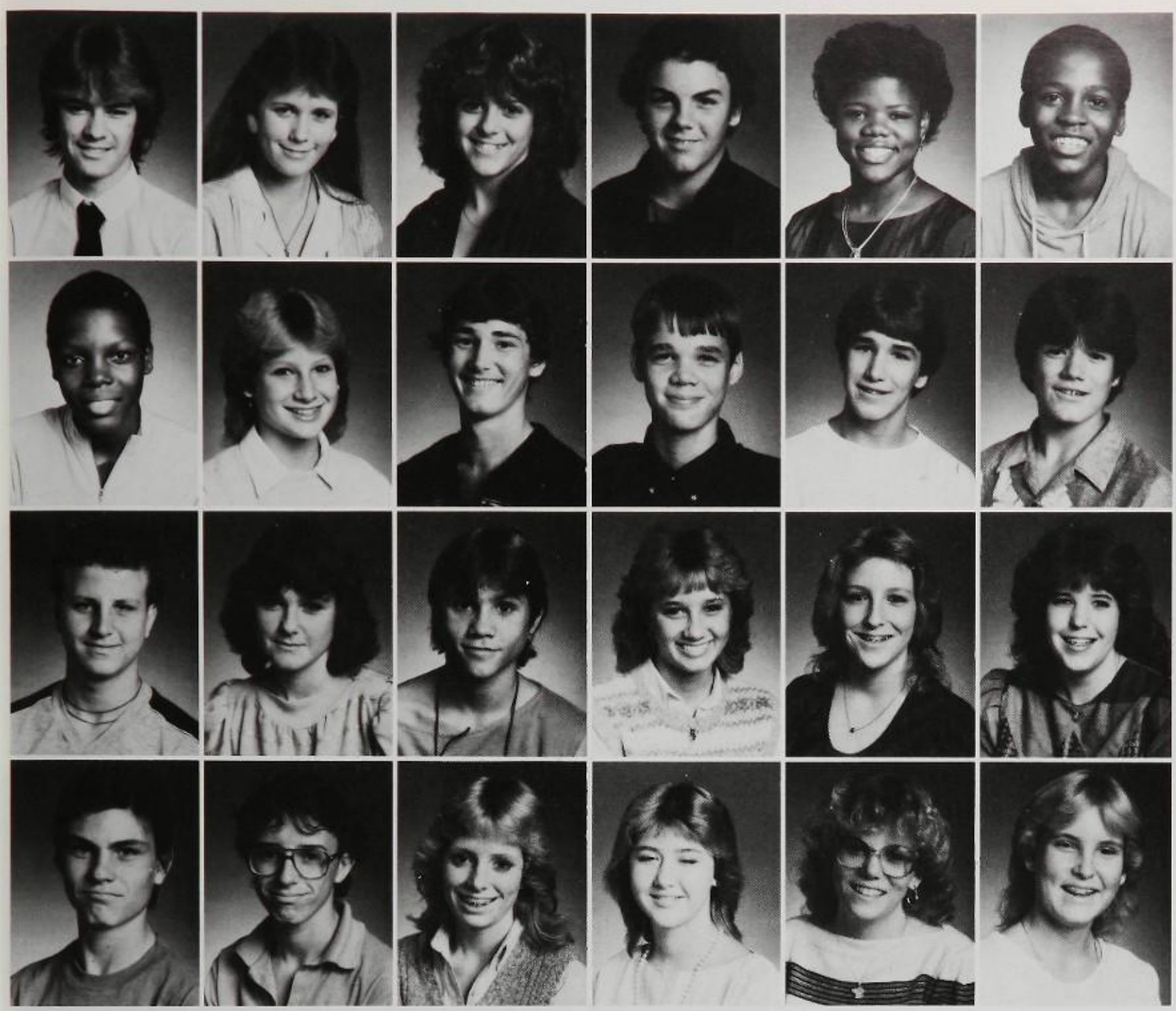
Robin Pigott
Ronald Pilz
Lisa Pitzer
James Pollard
Kimberly Powers
Mary Price

Kimberly Putman
Curtis Randall
Robin Raulerson
Dante Redman
Fredrick Reed
Michael Reed

Hurrying to finish, *Brenda Capps* and *Tonya Carver* take a standardized test.



As he ponders the correct answer, *Alen Hershial* works his exam.



Christopher Reeves
Tina Restis
Tracy Rice
Casey Roan
Tarsha Robinson
Darrell Rodgers

Keith Rodgers
Shera Rolofson
Eric Rolston
Thomas Roof
Sean Rousey
Shannon Rousey

Odie Sanders
Rhonda Sasher
Randy Saucier
Karen Savareid
Denise Saylors
Linda Schaaf

Stephen Scheller
James Schickowski
Stacie Schorle
Dawn Scott
Wendy Scott
Trina Searles

Testing 1-2-3 Testing

Life seems to be a series of tests — some based on knowledge, some on common sense, some on physical condition, and some on endurance and stamina. Likewise, a Red Knight's four years of high school included a series of tests before he was considered a candidate for graduation.

A student new to high school soon realized that he was expected to be prepared for "pop" quizzes, weekly tests, unit tests, nine week exams, semester exams, and final exams. In addition, he had to exhibit proficiency on several standardized tests like The California Achievement Test, the Secondary School Aptitude Test, the Vocational Aptitude Test, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and the American College Test.

Those formal, written tests of knowledge and aptitude were only part of the testing which a Red Knight went through. Upon first entering North Fort Myers High School, a freshman had to pass an endurance test as he was teased and taunted by upperclassmen. He also had to determine whether or not he could pass that daily test of successfully getting out of bed and then arriving to school on time. Once on campus, he had to successfully stay awake and alert in all of his classes.

As a student continued with his high school education he encountered various social tests. Could he find new friends? Could he get a boyfriend or girlfriend? Would he be able to withstand peer pressure? Would he be able to afford to keep up with the fashions and do the things his fellow classmates could afford to do? Would he be able to ignore the tendency to gossip?

Each day presented physical tests for Red Knights too. In the heat and humidity of the warmer months, he had to try to keep fresh and comfortable as he sat attempting to listen to the teacher and study for up-coming exams. In the frigid weather of the colder months, he had to warm his fingers so he could write those term papers and dress out for P.E. The distance between classrooms sometimes seemed miles long as he dashed to each class. His arms felt the strain as he carried pounds upon pounds of textbooks to school, to class, and back home each day. On some days it took the patience of Job and the strength of Atlas to get open his locker.

As in the twenty-five years before, this year's Red Knights passed their tests and were ready to face whatever life offered next.

Tara Shaw
Cathy Sheene
Dawn Sheff
Kim Sheffield
Edward Sheridan
William Shoap

Marguerite Sierra
Melissa Skinner
Andrea Smith
Bryan Smith
Carol Smith
Delmetria Smith

Jania Smith
Jay Smith
John Smith
Tracie Smith
Rikki Snider
Shirley Snyder

Maximo Soler
Rana Speas
Joseph Spencer
Kathy Spencer
Joan Spires
Thomas Squires

Creature Creations

No matter how old one is, there is always a certain yearning to be able to be a child once again. So, when walking through the mall, a card shop, or a toy store a person's eyes and heart could fall prey to a cute, cuddly, stuffed animal.

Our Red Knights were as susceptible to these little "critters" as was everyone else. "Care Bears" were popular this past year. They were smiling, friendly little bears that seemed to connote joy and happiness. "Smurf" fans were delighted to find that these little blue folks were still popular and available. The "Cabbage Patch" craze continued as more and more round, dimpled-faced dolls were adopted. Then there was "Garfield" — that lovable but cantankerous fat, lazy cat that Jim Davis created several years ago. Garfield's friends "Odie" and "Pookey" were almost as popular as he. That long-time favorite "Snoopy," along with his bird-friend "Woodstock," had endured the whims of another new year. The commercial movie *Gremlins* prompted the infiltration of the stuffed animal world with adorable characters like "Gizmo" and "Stripe."

Red Knights exhibited their preferences for each of the "creature creations" through their clothing, buttons, folders, and stickers. Folders with a fat, striped yellow cat carried messages like: "I Hate Monday," "I Live for Saturdays," "Why Me?" "Nap Attack," "My Dog Ate my Homework," "Whiz Kitty," "I'll Trade You my Dog for a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich," and "I Get Sraight-A's in Lunch."

Some Red Knights toted writing stationery that had illustrations of "Good Luck Bear," "Birthday Bear," "Wish Bear" or any of the other remaining nine "Care Bears." As students exchanged greeting cards throughout the year, some of their favorite "characters," including "Ziggy" and the "Shirt-Tails-Get-Along-Gang" helped them relay their messages. A few Knights wore shirts which had artwork of their "friendly favorites" on them.

Enjoying the vitality and exuberance of a young child, a Red Knight of this past year wore, carried or exchanged happiness and joy through his favorite "creative creatures."

Brian Stanford
Nicole Starr
James Steiner
Tina Steiner
Summer Stewart
Ricky Stokes

Devon Stoney
Sharon Stoughton
Laura Stover
Donna Strayer
Derek Strickland
Adam Strouse

Rebecca Sumerall
Shawn Summerall
Robert Syfrett
Randy Sykes
Paula Terch
Kristine Teter

Darcey Thomas
Theresa Thomas
Cynthia Thurman
Anita Tinsley
Eugene Townsend
Lori Trotter

Cuddly creatures adorn many a Red Knight's bedroom.

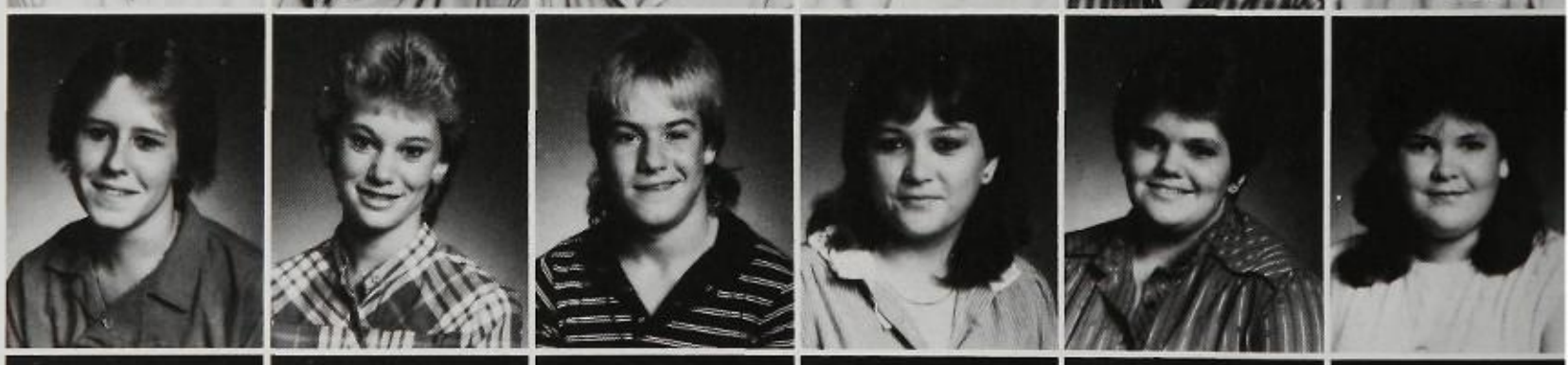
Furry friends await the company of their owner.

Members of *Mr. Pate's* class find that the correct way of paddling a canoe isn't so easy.

Giving helpful instruction, *James Scroggie* aids *Julie Colmer* and *Cheryl Bauchert*.

Lisa Tvrdik
Amy Tyre
Daniel Unwin
Robert Ura
David Vaughn
Heidi Vogelsong

Sandy Volovek
Penny Walker
Robert Wall
Tracy Wallin
Kathleen Walls
Crystal Walters



Donald Ward
Kimberly Ward
Meredith Ward
Lorrie Warner
Richard Wasserlein
Greg Weber

Anita Welch
Kelly Welch
Roger Weng
Christina Wethgerington
Jennifer Wheeler
Randy Whidden

P.E.O. practice in the pool.

Paddle Practice

Canoeing in a swimming pool may seem strange to most people, but to North High School's P.E. teacher *Bobbie Dewey* there was method to this madness.

Mrs. Dewey was aware that putting the students in the pool with canoes would enable her to teach canoe safety and the various paddling techniques. She advised the students in the classes that there was a definite difference between canoeing and paddling, and she taught them these skills and then sharpened them before she turned students loose on the rough and wild rapids of the canals in Fort Myers.

Once in the canals, the students applied those skills learned and perfected while they were in North's swimming pool. They had learned what to do if and when their canoe capsized or swamped, and they also learned how to help other people who might be in distress. In applying these skills, the students would easily learn the even harder technique of white water rafting and canoeing.

When Red Knights saw the canoes delivered and stacked by the science building, they knew that some of them would be getting their feet wet. It didn't matter if the temperature of the water was 80° or 40°. They would pile in those canoes and paddle around for forty minutes. Inevitably, a few would emerge considerably more wet than they were when they started.

In spite of the puzzled and questioning expressions from onlookers, our Red Knight "seamen" paddled vigorously and enthusiastically as they anticipated summer fun on the river.

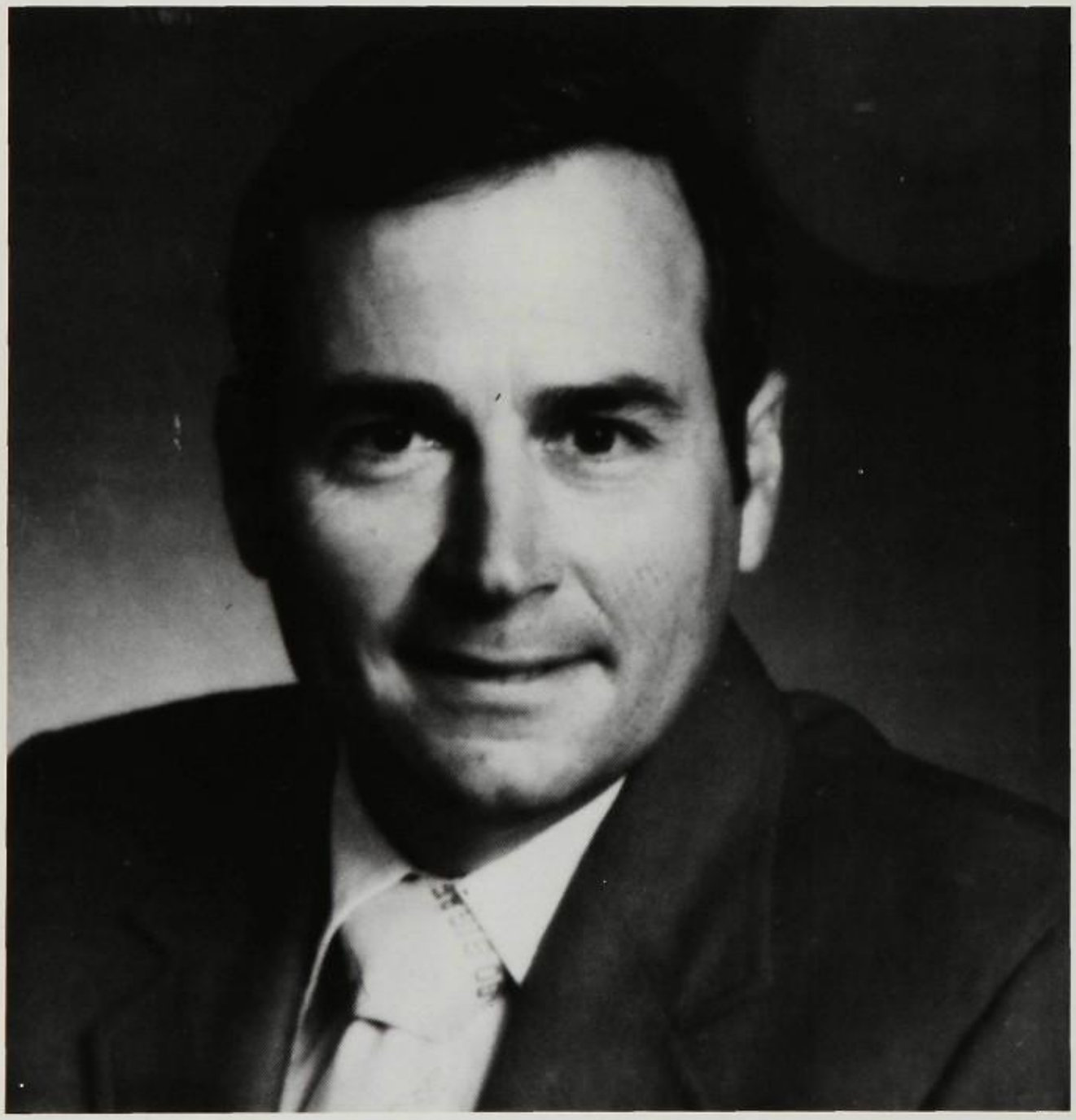
Peggy White
Joy Whited
Mark Whitten
Steven Whittle
Deana Wiant
Jay Wildman

Bridgitte Williams
Michael Williams
Morris Williams
Roosevelt Williams
Sabrina Williams
Theodore Williams

Karen Williamson
Michael Wilson
Penny Wilson
Jeffrey Wood
Nicole Wooten
Francesca Wright

John Yeomans
Leigh Ann Young
Teresa Young
Melissa Zane
Shawn Zielinski
James Zuidema

Principal
Edmund Stickles



Our Red Knight family was led by seven key people this year. Working together, planning together, and making decisions together, our administrators set the mood for our 1500 students as they studied, laughed, and played each day.

Having been our principal since 1980, *Mr. Ed Stickles* fairly led faculty, staff, and students in another successful school year. His firmness, coupled with his obvious concern for every member of our Red Knight family, made everyone respect and admire him.

Assisting *Mr. Stickles* were *Mrs. Harriett Bohannon* and *Mr. Steve DeShazo*. Their administrative responsibilities were carried out with ease and grace. Keeping the "open door" policy, both always welcomed students and parents for any of their personal concerns. We all felt content and comfortable with our daily class schedules and with our campus facilities because of the planning done by *"Doctor D"* and *Mrs. "B."*

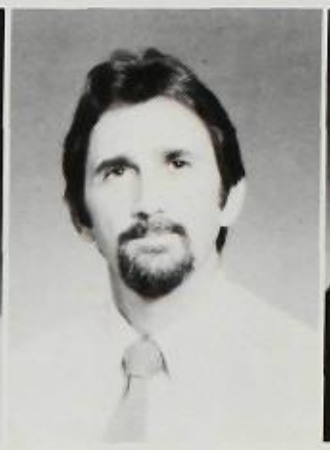
Although the title of Dean of Students is certainly not glamorous nor appealing to many students, *Mrs. Virginia Cassell* and *Mr. Bob Trombetti* were actually extremely popular with North's students. They became known more for counseling than for disciplining.

During his two years as our School Resource Officer, *Sargeant Mike Clifton* has gained the respect and admiration of the student body. His gentle, but firm manner kept many a Red Knight in line. He too, was considered more a counselor than a disciplinarian.

Mrs. Virginia Branson moved into her new administrative position this past year as Community Education Coordinator. She managed to keep abreast with our regular day school activities as well as she helped to coordinate and organize the activities of the Class of '85.

It is with great pride and respect that Red Knights commend and thank our seven administrators for their help and guidance. Their efforts have made Red Knights number 1!!

Harriet Bohannon
Asst. Principal

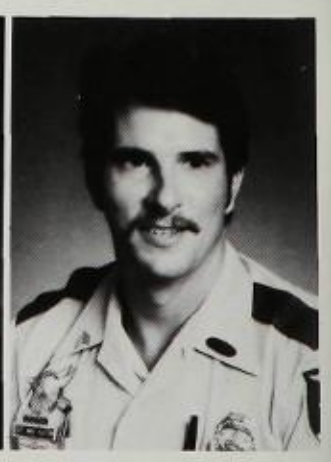


Stephen DeShazo
Asst. Principal

Virginia Cassell
Dean

Robert Trombetti
Dean

Virginia Branson
Adult Ed. Coordinator



Mike Clifton
Resource Officer

IN

Marie Ackord
Mathematics

Antony Ambrosio
Custodian

Terry Andrews
Language Arts

Lyle Baldwin
Bus Driver

Bernice B. Battle
Language Arts, Librarian

Bill Bauman
Guidance

Sue Baxter
Bus Driver

Kathryn Benkhatar
Foreign Language, French Club

Marsha Bishop
Science, Senior Class

Marie Bitter
Principal's Secretary

Robert Bjurstrom
Social Studies

James Bohannon
DCT, Social Studies, Drivers Education

Kathleen Boswell
Bus Driver

Evelyn Bouser
Lunchroom

Johnnie Burger
Lunchroom

Checking to make sure everything is going well is Adult and Community Education Coordinator, *Mrs. Virginia Branson.*

Taking a few moments to relax at the end of the day, *Mr. and Mrs. Deshazo* exchange funny stories.

Brian Burgess
Music Education

Rodin Calderon
Bus Driver

Isowana Campbell
Lunchroom

Allen Caraway
Language Arts, Journalism

Clare Caraway
Aide

Louis Coleman
Custodian

Steve Conley
Health

Tom Cooke
Shop

Peggy Cooper
Data Entry Clerk

Liz Culleton
Family Living, Food and Nutrition

Robert Curry
Mathematics

Pearl Dawson
Custodian

Geraldine Davis
Custodian

James Davis
Sites Crew

Nancy DeShazo
Occupational Specialist

A Step in the Right Direction

"Movin' on Up!" That's what happened to many excellent teachers at North Fort Myers High School. After seeking advanced degrees, they were quickly tapped for administrative jobs at North, at other schools in Lee County, or at the Board of Education Office on Central Avenue.

Four out of six administrators here at North once stood in our classrooms imparting their knowledge to Red Knights. Assistant Principal *Harriett Bohannon* was an English teacher, while her counterpart *Steve DeShazo* taught social studies. Dean *Virgina Cassell* exercised the body and the mind teaching both physical education and English, while Community and Adult Education Coordinator *Virginia Branson* instructed in communication skills and yearbook.

Lee County secondary schools seemed to also be partial to Red Knights as they filled their administrative posts. Fort Myers' Principal *Herb Wiseman* and Assistant Principal *Gerald Kepler* once taught social studies and English respectively here at North. *Terry Falk* and *David Kreller, both of Cape Coral High School, and Harold Springer* of Riverdale were P.E., math, and media instructors here. Cape's Dean *Ronalee Ashby* did double duty at North in both the math and business departments, while Head Football Coach and P.E. teacher *Tom Hutchison* now serves as Principal at Lee Middle School.

The roster of Red Knights who man key positions in the Central Office was equally impressive. *Martha Richardson* (English) and *Jack Bovee* (social studies) recently moved into the positions of Language Arts and Social Studies Coordinator, as did North's former Band Director *James Hinman* who now serves as Music Coordinator. Former English instructors *Linda Patton* (Civil and Human Rights Consultant), *Terry Andrews* (Exceptional Student Education Coordinator), and *Nancy Solberg* (Executive Internship Coordinator) still returned to campus occasionally, as did Assistant Director of Finance *Juanita Parsons* (business), Media Services Director *Alden Tapio* (media), and Director of Environmental Education *Bill Hammonds* (science).

These former Red Knights may have left our family and moved up, but they never forgot the red and white.

Nancy DeShazo
Occupational Specialist
Bobbie Dewey
Physical Education, Activities Director, Aerobics, Outdoor Education
Leroy Dewey
Social Studies
Millard Doss
Building Supervisor
Frank Drake
Science

Reynaldo Espinozo
Head Custodian
Dorothy Evans
Physical Education
Ted Ferreira
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Margaret Flaherty
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Doris Fleming
Language Arts

Linda Fowler
Language Arts
Stephan Frank
Science, Art
Linda Futral
Media Specialist
Jeanne Gallagher
Media Aide
Norma Garrison
Lunchroom

Teaching Day and Night

"Once a teacher, always a teacher." A considerable number of Red Knight faculty adhered to this slogan. They not only taught between the hours of 7:25 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. but also seventh period, afternoons, and evenings. "I really enjoyed teaching 7th period," related *Mr. John Pare*. "The students were there because they wanted to be. They chose to take this class and I'm here because of it."

Teaching in the afternoon was not always related to seventh period. The newly appointed night school coordinator, *Mrs. Virginia Branson*, felt that the adult and community education program would best suit the needs of North Fort Myers between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Consequently, classes were offered based on the needs and convenience of teachers and students. "If we are going to serve our community, then we must set up a schedule which would be most appealing and serviceable to those prospective students," said *Virgina Branson*.

North High faculty became involved in the adult program as they taught these afternoon and evening classes. Helping people get in shape and improve their cardio-vascular functions was North High occupational specialist *Mrs. Terry Hall*. Being in tip-top condition herself, *Mrs. Hall* taught two different classes, each meeting twice a week.

With the new policy whereby twelfth graders could finish their senior year in January and not have to take additional classes during the second semester, several seniors chose to take high school courses in English and Math. *Mr. Dan Marsh* taught English 12 and *Miss Joanne Matson* taught a variety of math courses during the evening hours.

Everyone enjoys recreation, especially if it also improves physical fitness and can be a social experience. All those criteria were fulfilled by the tennis classes taught in the evening by North High's coach *Chuck Jager*.

Some people found a new and very productive hobby when they enrolled in *Mr. Dave Giompalo's* woodshop class.

North High's faculty considered themselves not merely high school teachers, but teachers for everyone who wanted to learn.

Beverly Gaudelli
Health
Fred Gebhard
Social Studies

Shirley Gebhard
Language Arts

Andrea Jean Getzlaff
Drama, Yearbook, Language Arts
David Giompalo
Industrial Arts

Tensy Gomez
Foreign Language, Language Arts
Gail Gott
Bus Driver
George Gott
Bus Driver
Kim Hale
Bus Driver
Terry Hall
Occupational Specialist

Melody Halvick
Guidance
Ray Halvick
Mathematics
June Herrell
Guidance
Kathy Hestermann
Bus Driver
Lynn Hinkle
Mathematics

Looking over the shoulder of senior *John Jeleniewski*, shop teacher *Mr. Dave Giompalo* approves his work.

After teaching a full day of classes, *Mrs. Bettye Ewing* now conducts her night school English class.

Watching students in their daily activities is *Mrs. Dottie Evans.*

Checking on some facts, *Mrs. Rachel Murray* prepares her lecture.

Linda Hissam
Social Studies
German
Betty Holmes
Lunchroom
Ron Hoover
Physical Education, Drivers Education
Wade Hummell
Physical Education, Assistant Football Coach
Sylvester Isaac
Science

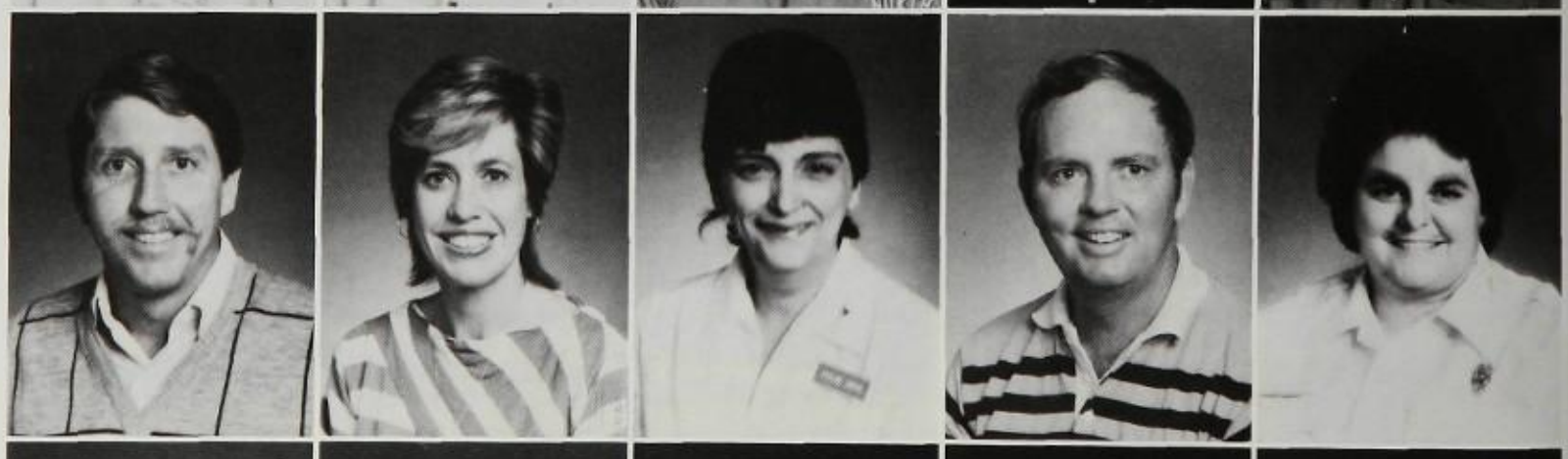
Charles Jager
Science, Physical Education

Suzanne Jager
Language Arts

Paulene Jarvis
Cafeteria

Wayne Jensen
Social Studies, Mathematics

Dale Johnson
Bus Driver



Betty Kayusa
Science

Robert Kayusa
Social Studies

Jane Klimuszko
Lunchroom

Joyce Lamm
Registar, Attendance Secretary

Sheryl Logsdon
Receptionist, Switchboard Operator

Baby Boom

Our Red Knight family grew by leaps and bounds this past year — not only with incoming ninth graders and families who moved to North Fort Myers from other communities, but with bouncing baby Red Knights. One might say we experienced a faculty baby boom.

There was time in the annals of education history that it was a disgrace for a married female teacher to stand in front of her students while obviously carrying a child. As with all antiquated social norms, this is no longer the case. No longer are expectant mothers required to stop teaching as soon as their "conditions" become apparent. With the emphasis on prenatal care, expectant mothers have less risk of causing damage to the unborn child when she puts in a full day of standing on her feet to teach five classes.

During these past few months, several faculty members have graced us with newborn babies. *Mrs. Melody Halvick* returned to campus early in the fall to set up schedules and get the seniors well underway in their final year of high school. She arranged and re-arranged first semester schedules, advised seniors of their graduation requirements, solved last minute problems, and published their newsletter. Just days before she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, (the pride and joy of her and her husband *Ray Halvick*, another North faculty member), *Mrs. Halvick* took a leave of absence from her counseling duties. She returned to campus during the final days of the first semester in January.

Two of our English teachers started the school year knowing that they would work up until just before delivery of their expected babies. *Mrs. Rachel Murray* and *Mrs. Carol Pim* continued with their lectures, testing, and grading of essays and term papers. Nothing could keep them from sharing their knowledge and expertise with the eager students.

Mrs. Kathryn Benkhatar, expecting her second child, continued to teach French to her students throughout the year. In addition to teaching the language, she also related the culture and gave her personal accounts from her visit with her husband and young son to Europe during the Christmas holidays.

Remaining on the job and full of energy during her pregnancy, was physical education teacher *Mrs. Dottie Evans*. In the heat and humidity of the summer days and also the freezing and numbness of the winter days, *Mrs. Evans* managed to take Red Knights through their P.E. activities.

A graduate of North now working in our main office, *Mrs. Sheryl Logsdon* added to our Red Knight family this year. Sporting her bright and fashionable maternity outfits, *Mrs. Logsdon* cheerfully greeted visitors both in person and on the telephone.

In addition to all the other reasons we had to celebrate this year, our faculty gave us six brand new reasons to be happy!

Janice Longfellow
Language Arts

Daniel Marsh
Language Arts

JoAnne Matson
Mathematics

George Mayo
Social Studies

June McConville
Guidance Secretary

Sonya McDaniel
Secretary to Assistant Principal, Athletic Director

Lynne McDill
Science

Nancy McDole
Mathematics

Doug McKeever
Science

Diana Mendez
Language Arts

Frank Milner
DCT, Mathematics

Rachel Murray
Language Arts

Pruella Niver
Chorus, Keyboard, Social Studies

Emilia O'Grady
Science

Thomas Pacl
CBE, Business Skills

Double Duty

Many people considered their jobs to require eight hours a day or forty hours per week. This was not true of many North High faculty members. In addition to their regular daily classroom duties, many faculty members took on additional school responsibilities.

Some of these positions offered no monetary compensation. Those teachers who sponsored each of the four classes did not receive supplements. Each class had at least two faculty sponsors who offered advice, guidance, and direction.

Other faculty-staff members were compensated for the additional hours of work. For example, North High School had coaches for all sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling. In some cases, there was both a varsity and a junior varsity team, and also boys' and girls' teams. The size of the coaching staffs varied with each sport.

Not all extra-curricular duties were in the line of athletic coaching. Some faculty and staff personnel served as department heads in each of the subject areas. Others directed dramatic, forensic, or musical activities. Teachers spent hours after school, in the evening, and on weekends to assist student writers as they met publication deadlines. Instructors helped students prepare for competition in their respective areas of talents, while a few even served as chairperson for local and district organizations. Leadership conferences, county festivals, and local, district, and state festivals all took extra time, energy, and patience from faculty and staff.

It is because of this extra commitment to the students of North High School, that our staff has always excelled, and in turn, so have our students.

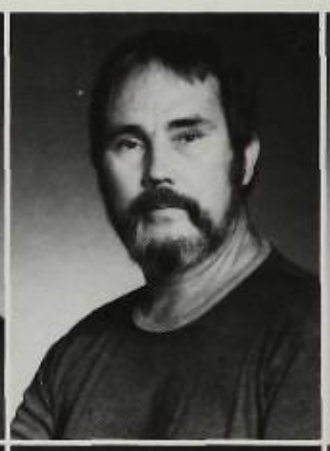
John Pate
Science

Bonnie Pearce
Lunch Room

Mildred Perkins
Mathematics

Phil Persdorf
Custodian

Carol Pim
NHS, Language Arts



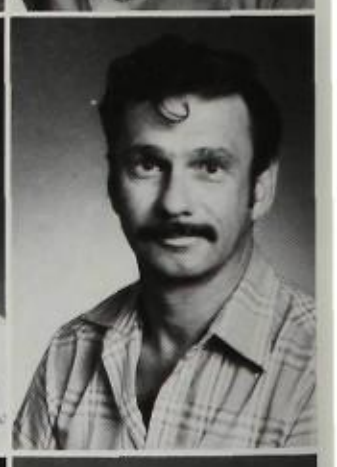
Julie Previty
Mathematics

James Repp
Mathematics

Leon Rodgers
Bus Driver

Louise Rodgers
Lunch Room

James Scofield
JROTC



Appie Scott
Business Skills

Betty Sheffield
Business Skills

Levon Simms
Art

Sandy Simmons
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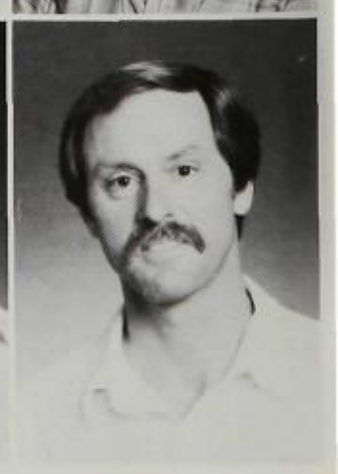
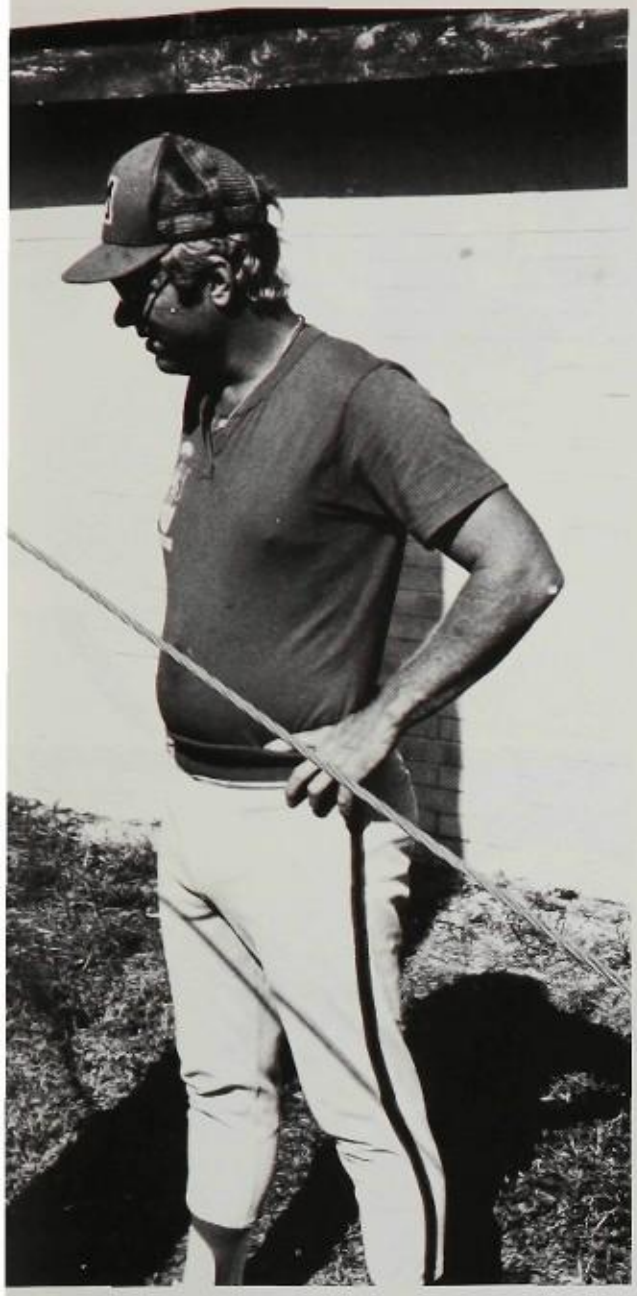
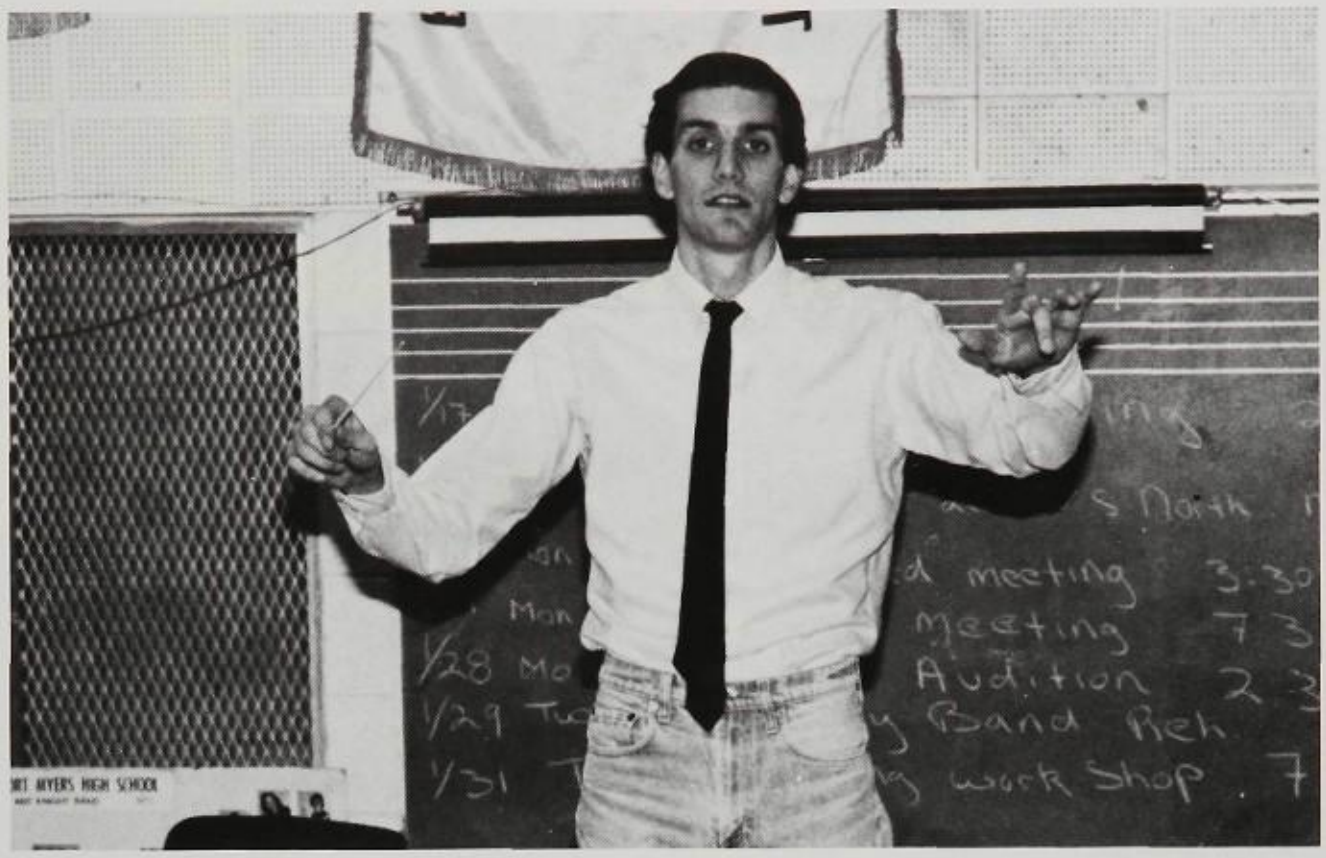
Walter Skiff
Mathematics

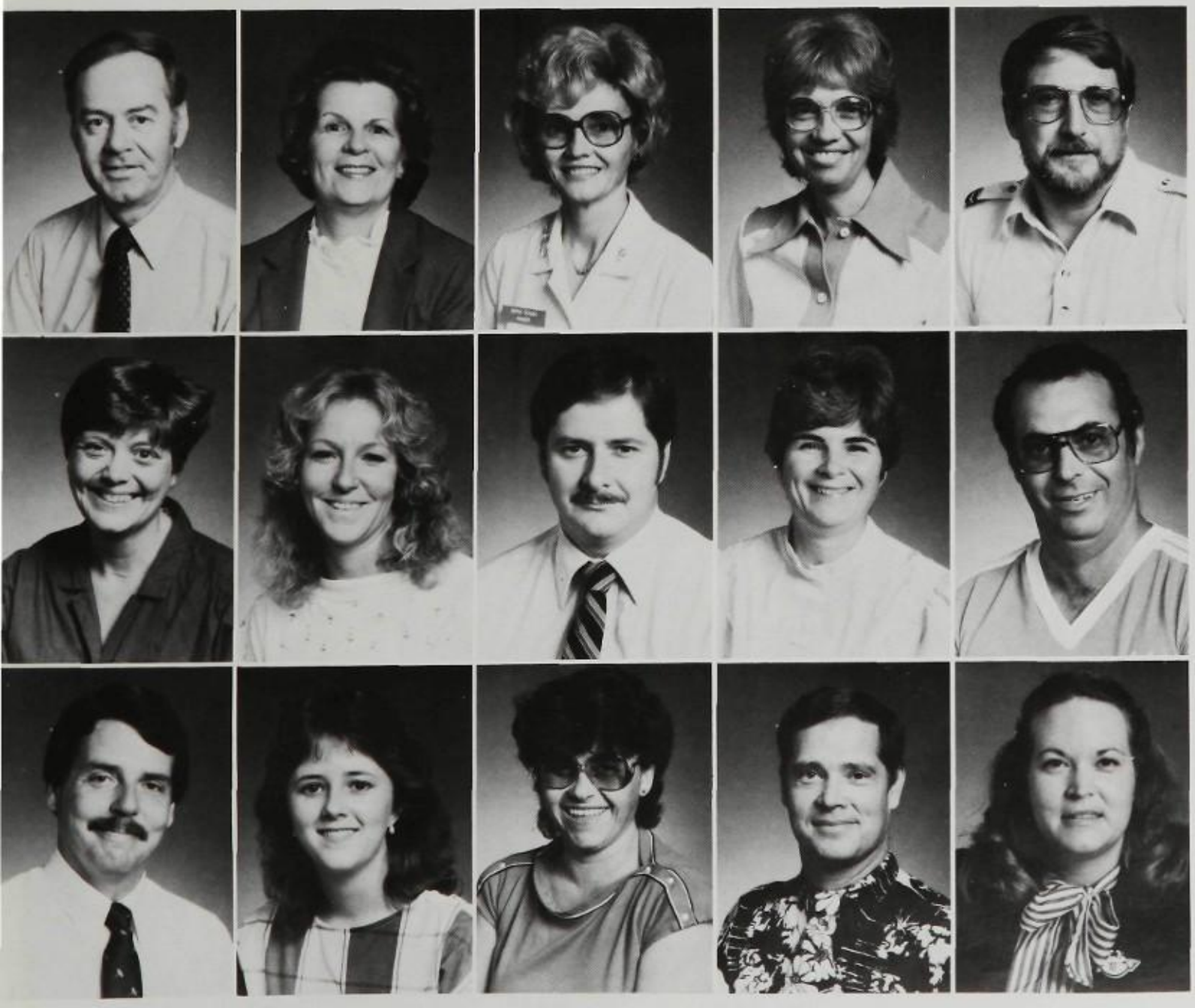




Anticipating a successful baseball season, Coach *"Ted"* examines the condition of the field.

Our brand new band director *Brian Burgess*, directs Red Knight musicians in a rehearsal.





Richard Stevens
Language Arts

Janet Thomas
Bookkeeper

Bertha Toivonen
Cafeteria Manager

Barbara Vagle
Deans Secretary

Mario Verde
Social Studies

Rita Waltener
Media Specialist

Nancy Ward
Agriculture

Scott Watson
Science

Kathleen Weatherwax
Lunch Room

Richard Weatherwax
Security Guard

Howard Wendland
Language Arts

Sulyn Wenrich
Aide

Pat Wenzel
Language Arts

Lee Werst Sr.
Science

Deborah Stotz-Wilcox
Mathematics, Independent Living, Clothing and Textiles, Human Development

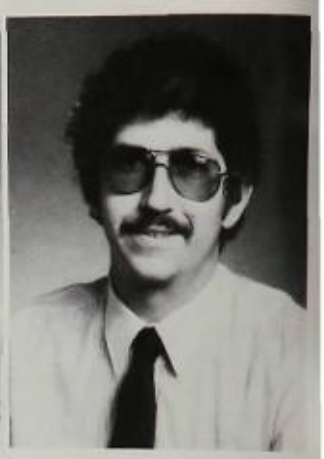
JoAnne Williams
Assistant Cafeteria Manager

Eric Williams
Custodian

Linda Wilson
Home Economics, Child Care

Steve Wise
Mathematics, Computers

Marty Zolno
DECA, DCT



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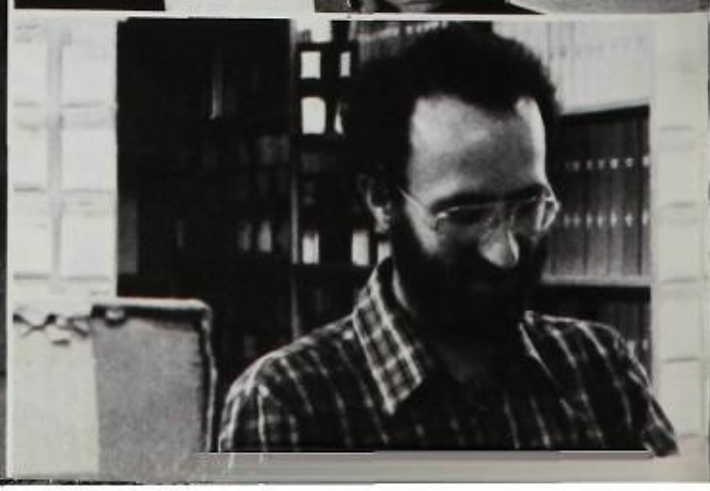
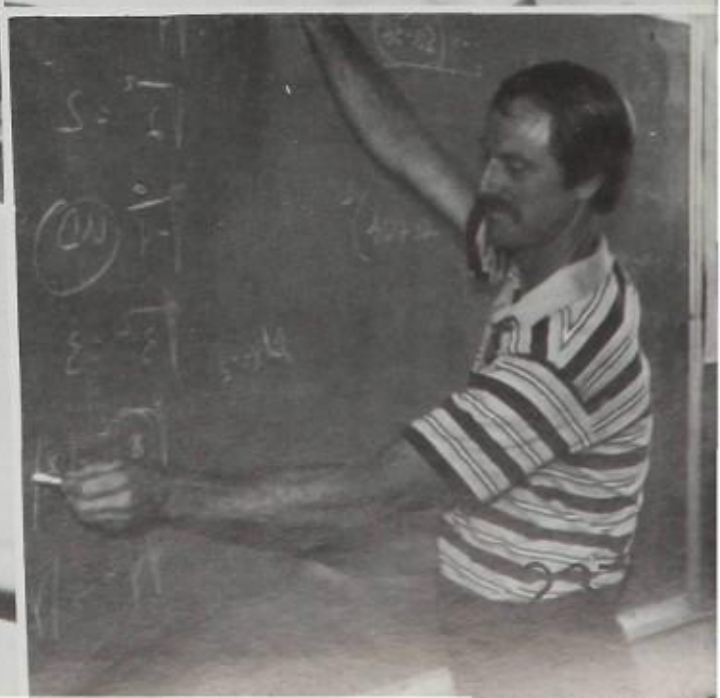
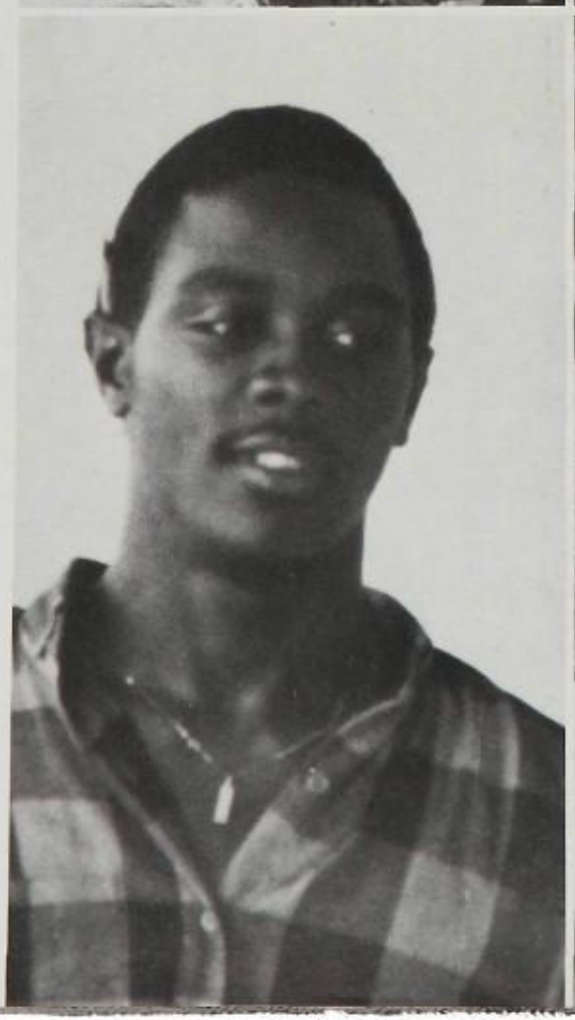
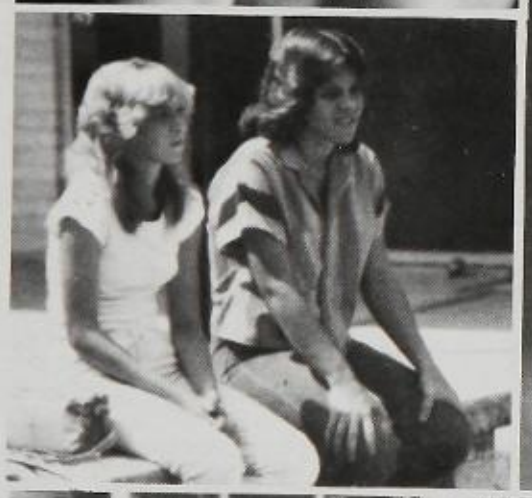




Seniors





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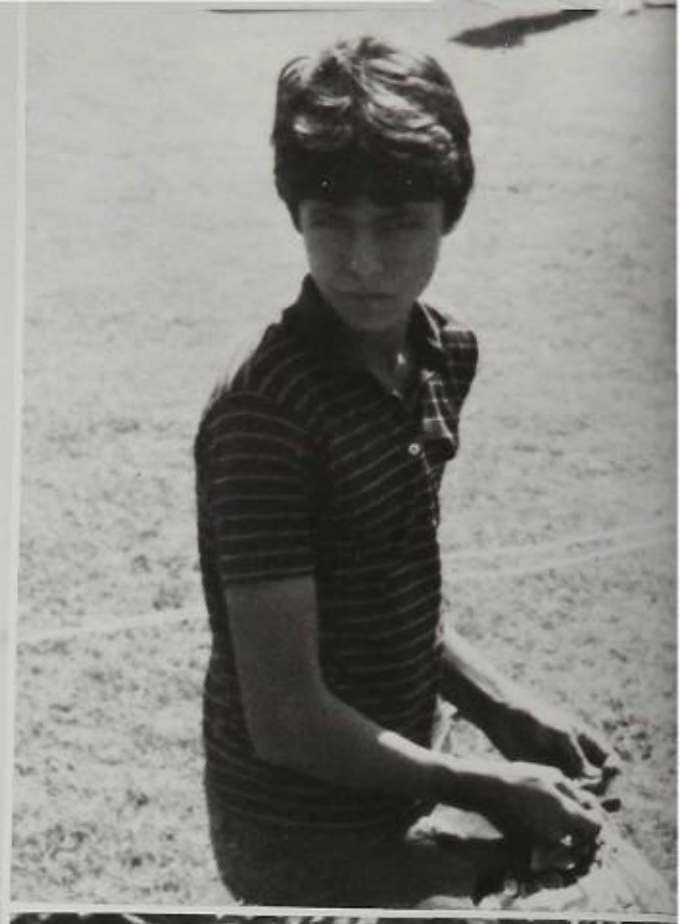

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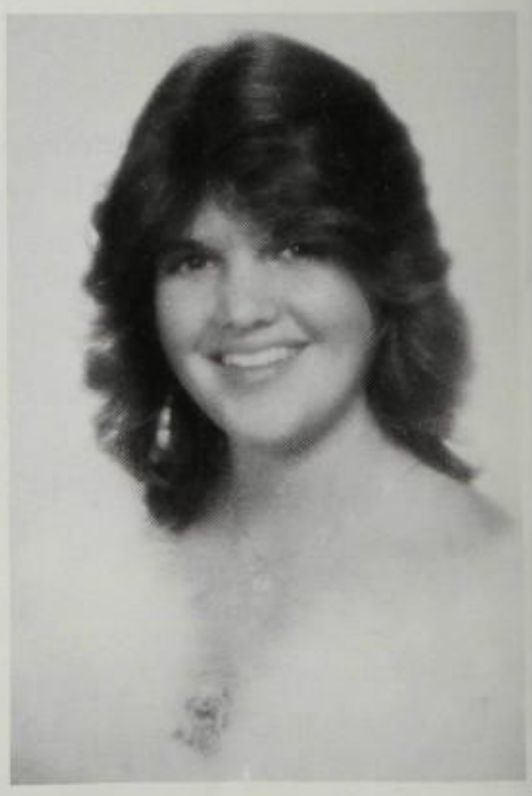

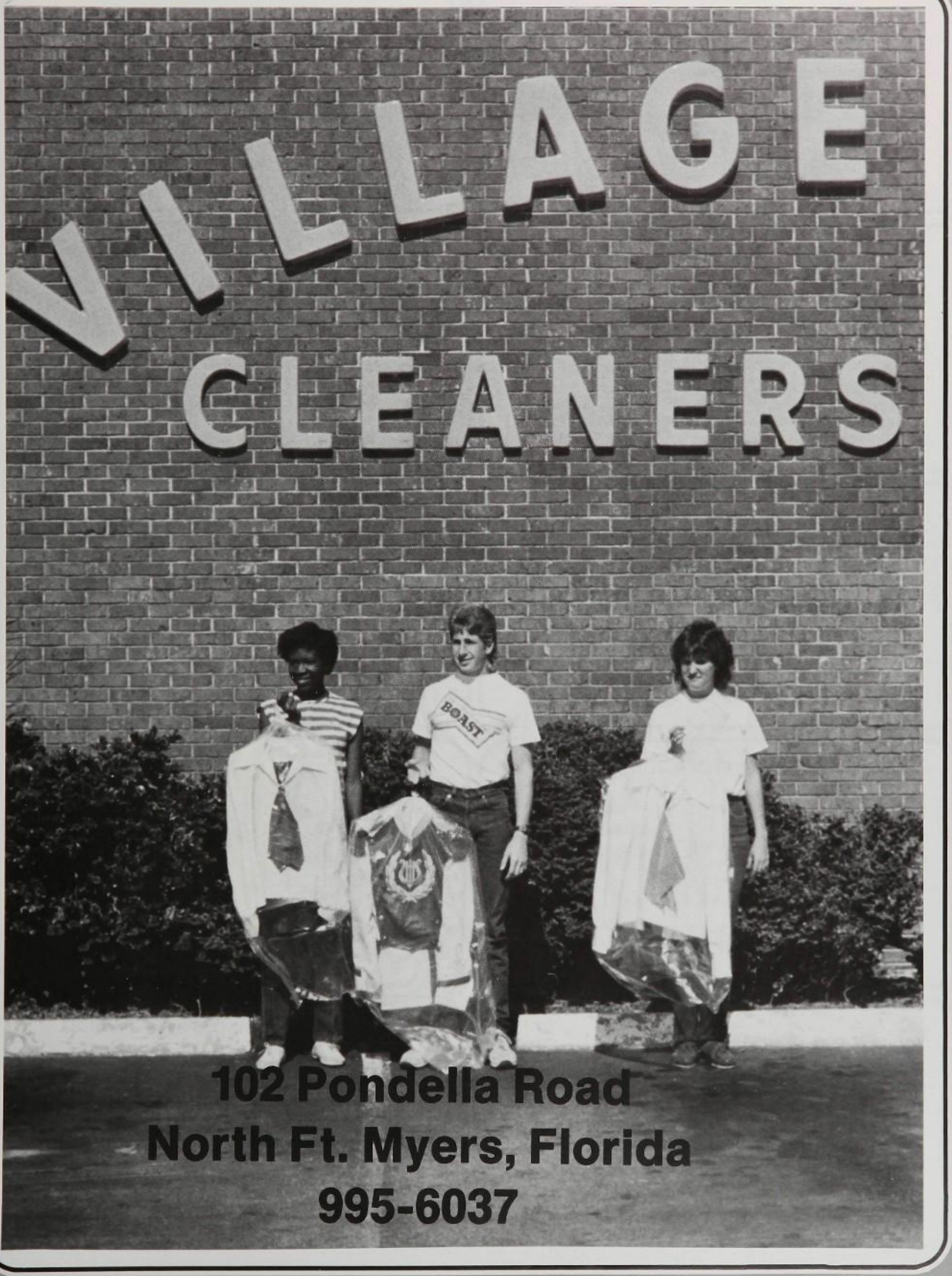
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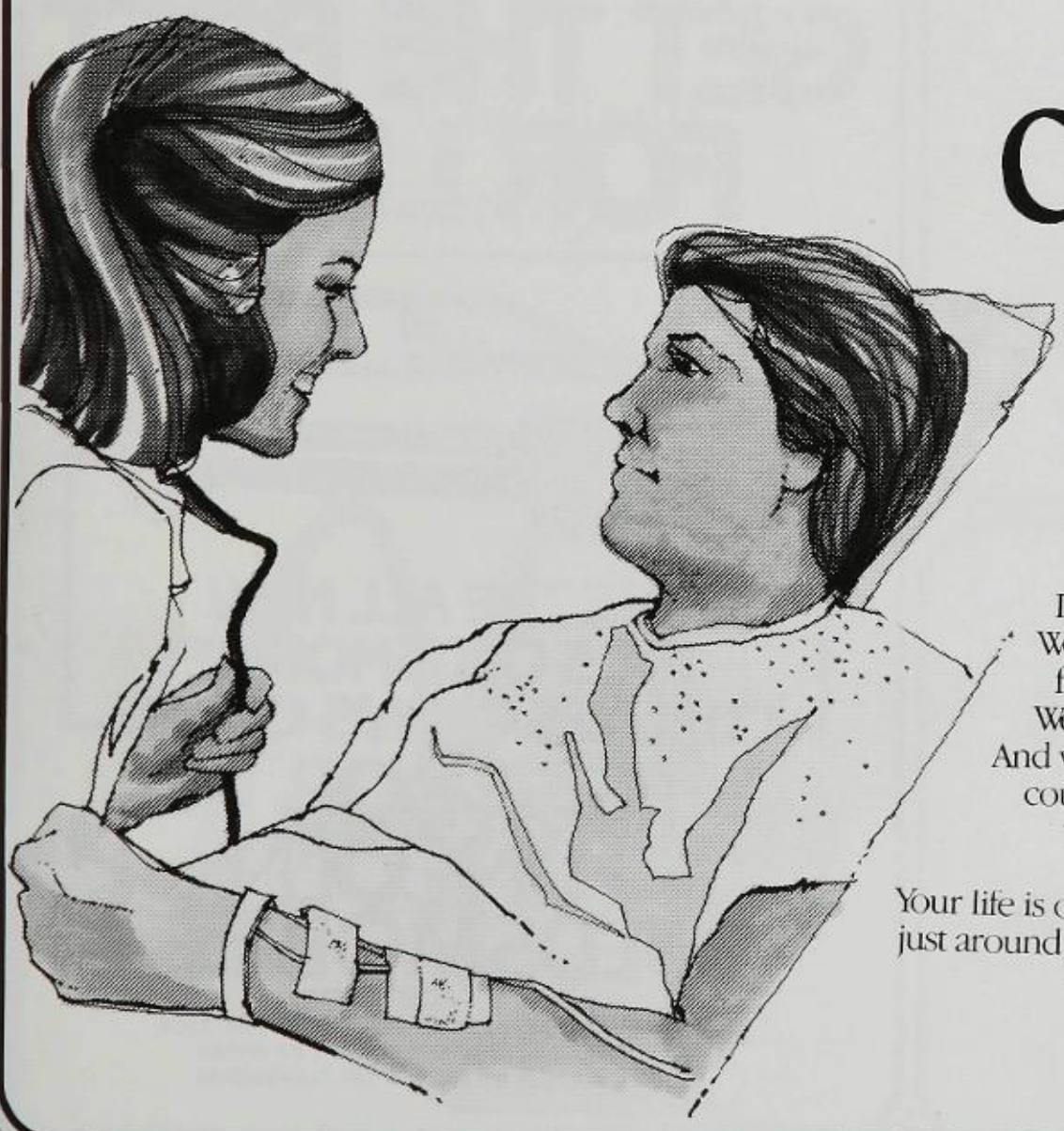

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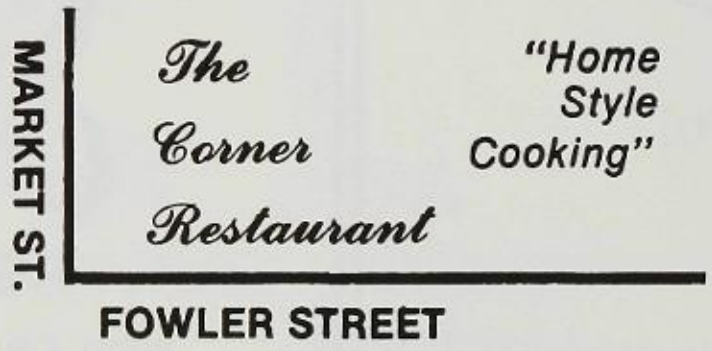

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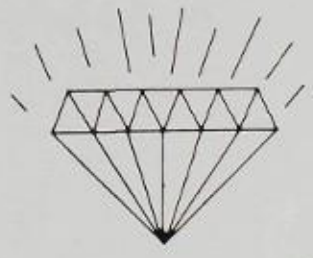

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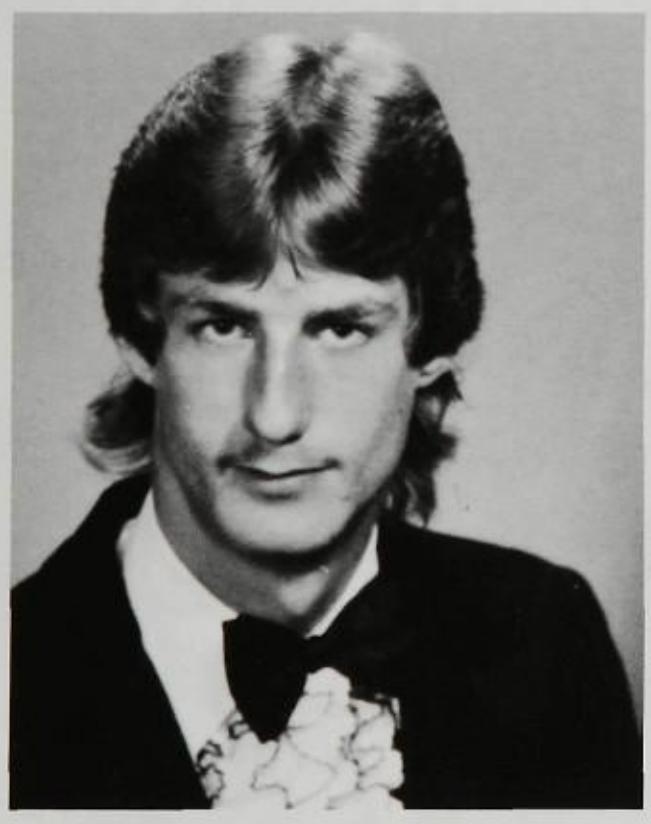

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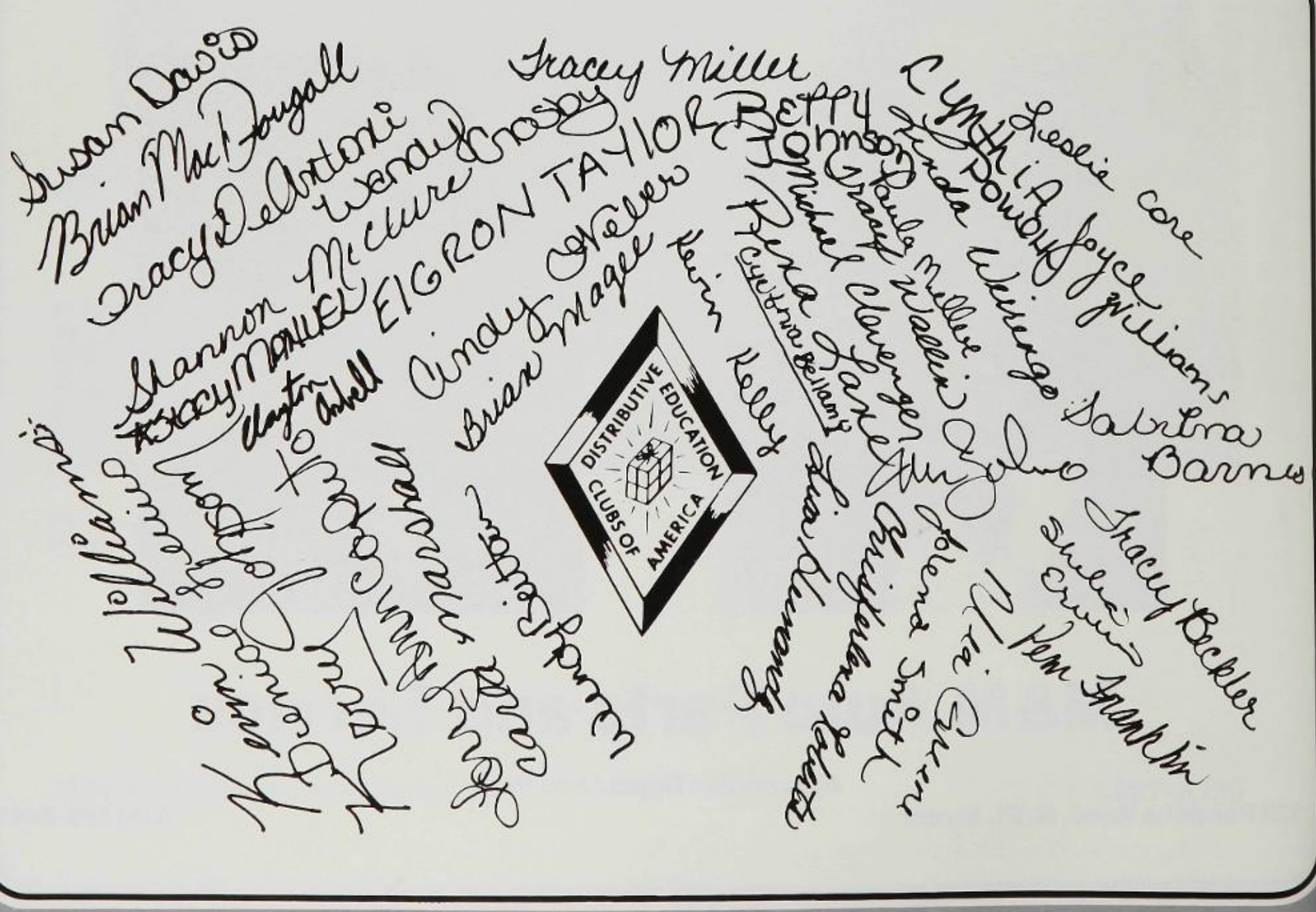

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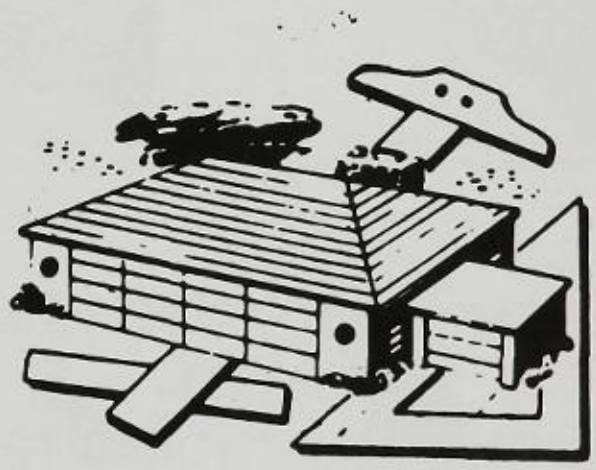

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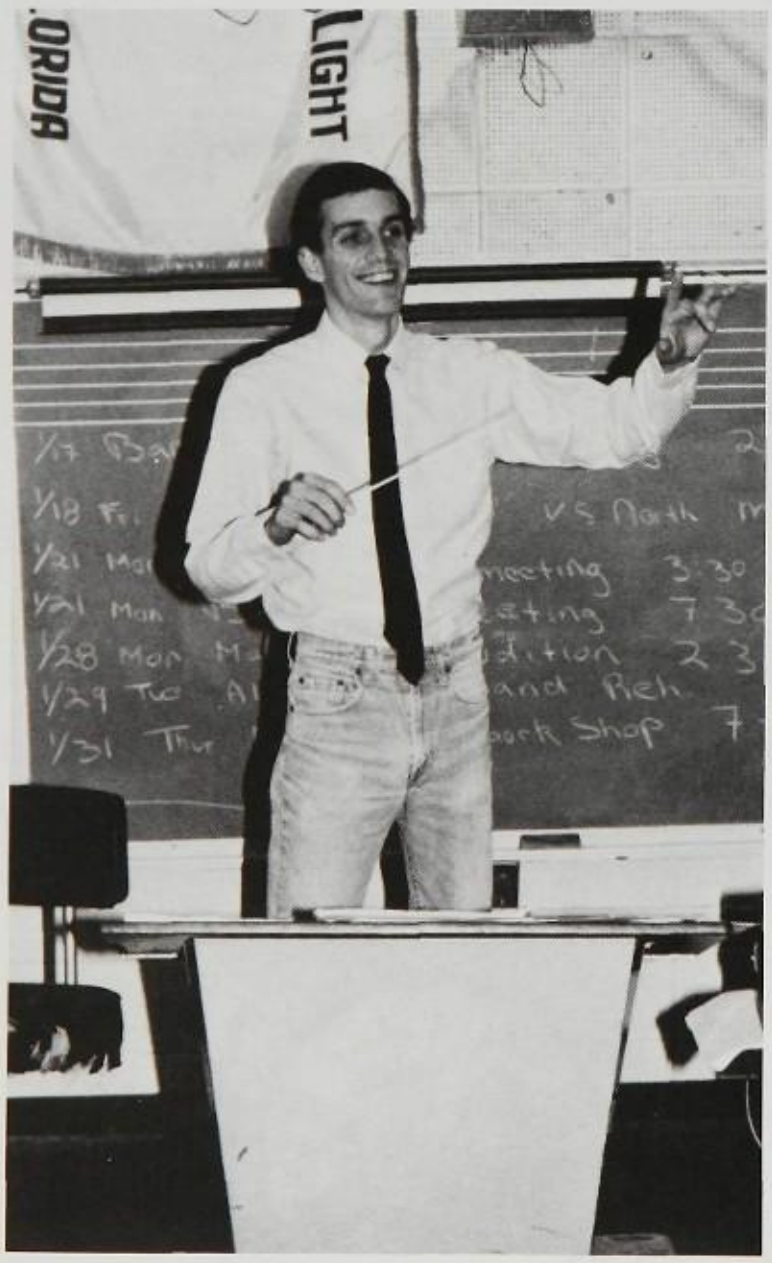

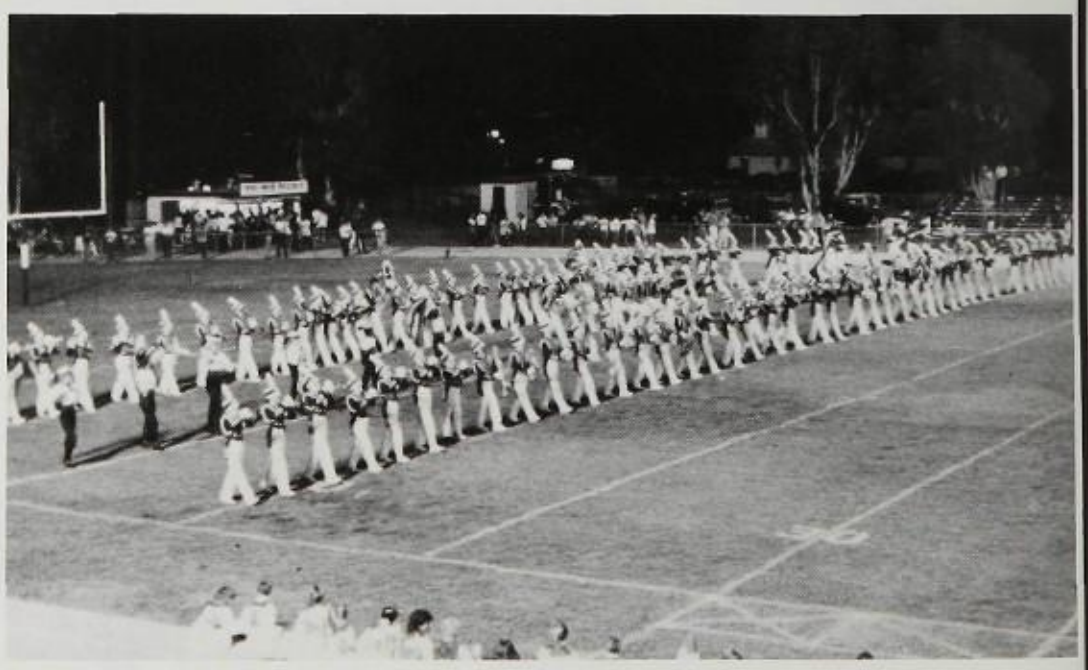

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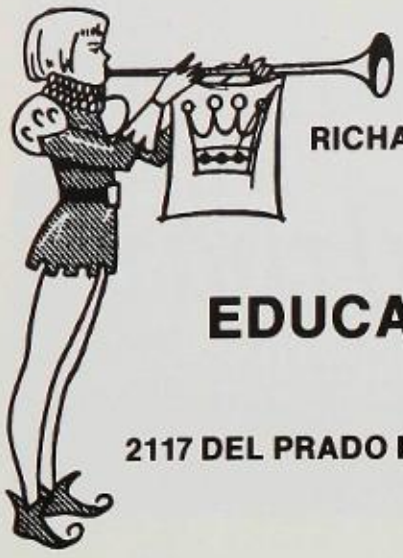

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Toni,

Remember when we were so anxious to reach high school? It offered so much, more freedom, more responsibility, dates, football games, basketball games, fun, fun, and more fun!!

Then we couldn't wait till our freshman year was over. Band was great. Dating seinors our sophomore year seemed to be the biggest thrill of our lives. Boy, did we have problems our junior year; but like always, we came out the best of friends!

We couldn't wait to be seniors. I can't believe it. We made cheerleading together and had a blast. Buddies forever. Then you made Homecoming Court, best all around, and are graduating at the top ten percent of our class. Hey, that's my best friend up there!!

Now school's out and you're leaving. I love you Toni — you deserve the best from life, don't let yourself be cheated. Take care of yourself babe, I'll miss you!

Friends Forever,
Cindra Sue

Cindy,

I just want to say thank you for always being there to listen to my joys, my fears and my disappointments. You've given me so many memories — so many good times! The fact that we have remained best friends for so many years, has got to say something. When I go away to college next year, I am sure going to miss you. But, I want our friendship to continue, we won't be that far away! You can come stay with me sometime and drool over the guys at U.S.F.! Even though I will be in Tampa, if you ever need your best friend — I'll be there! I love you! And thanks for a million memories!

Toni

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THE SHELL

One summer when I was eleven, I met a kindly old man, whose obvious love for the adventurous ocean and intriguing tales were some that I shall never forget.

It all started with the shell, for my brother and I had this little game about shells. We had spent the last three summers skimming the beach for just the right one. It didn't have to be any certain color, shape, or size. I would know if it were right when I found it.

I remember vaguely walking down the beach one day, farther than I had ever been. The sun was bright, the sky was clear, and the clouds were full of thoughts. It was that day that I met the old man.

Venturing further down the beach than I had realized, I became award of the storm clouds above. Then I saw it – a small, pink conch. Plain to the eye, it captivated me at first glance, and I knew I had to have it.

As I reached down to grab it, the old man's hand reached also. I was quicker and greedily snatched the shell from the sand. As I started to run home and show my prize to my brother, the expression of the old man's eyes stopped me. I saw sadness in his eyes and twinges of guilt agonized me. How greedy I was! Why, I had my entire life to look for my shell. He hadn't that advantage. Lowering my head, I placed the shell into his hand and my squeaky voice from within spoke: "Here is the shell of my innermost thoughts, please take it."

The man remained silent and his eyes continued to bore into me. His face then broke into a smile, and he spoke. His town was kind and he told me a tale of the sea – the legend of the pink conch shell. Fascinated by the story, I urged him to continue. Stories of ships, mermaids, and sea serpents swirled around in my head.

Then I realized it was late. Dismayed at the time, "Mom," I cried with fear, "is going to kill me." The man, whose name I found out later was Jim, walked me to his cottage where I telephoned Mom to come and get me.

His cottage held fragments of the sea, little ships, starfish and, to my delight, another little pink conch. He told me to keep the shell, in memory and friendship of him, and to always remember to reach for the impossible. With that, I happily got into the car, holding fast to my little conch shell.

The next day, Jim's picture was in the paper, showing he died at the age of seventy-five. Sorrowfully, I ran to his cottage, but it was no longer there. It had disappeared into thin air, leaving only a little pink conch shell on the sand. Picking it up, I put the shell to my ear, and I heard Jim's voice say to me, "Reach for your dreams, girl!" Inside the shell on a slip of paper was this poem:

"Come to the seashore to see the rippling waves,
Come see the seagulls and their crazy ways,
See the different colored fishes in the dark blue sea.
By them always remember me."

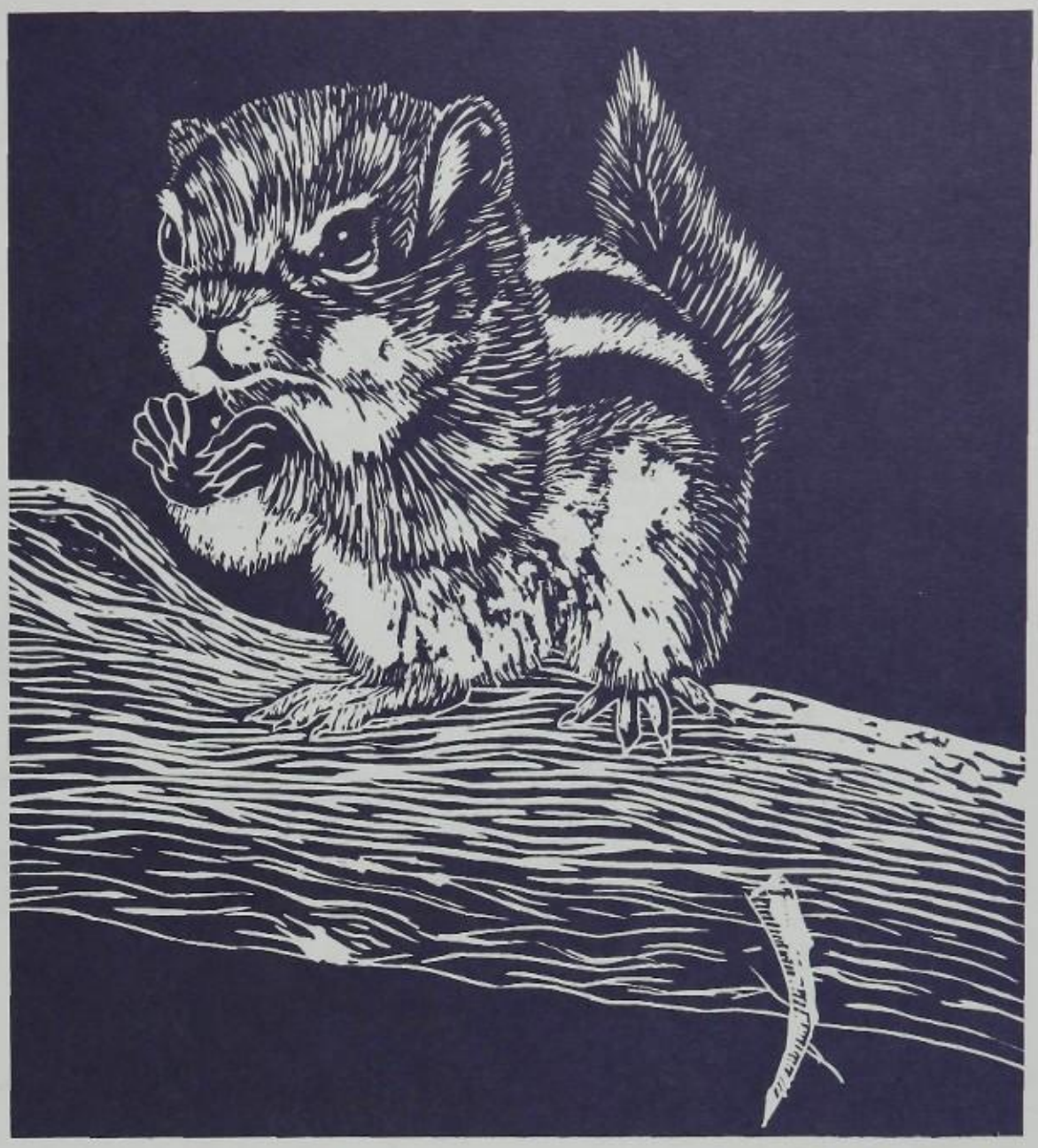
Cindie Esquivel

RENA KIRKPATRICK

TREES

Trees are the kindest things I know.
They do no harm,
  they simply grow.
They spread to shade for sleepy cows
And gather birds among their boughs.
They give us fruit and leaves above
And wood to make our houses of.
And leaves to burn on Halloween,
And in the spring new buds of green.
They are the first when day's begun
And touch the beams of morning sun.
they are the last to hold the light
When evening changes into night.
When the moon floats in the sky
Trees hum a drowsy lullaby.
Trees are the kindest things I know.

Chris Pelletier



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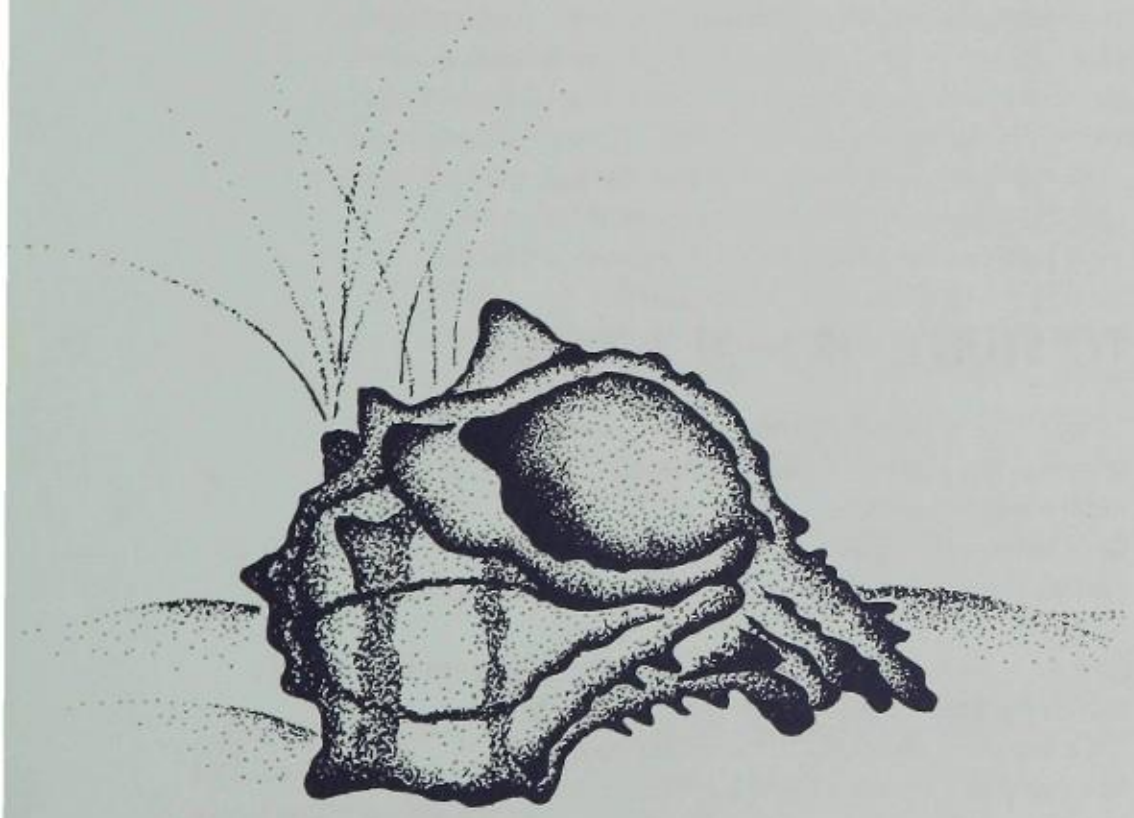


KIM CULVER

ANTICIPATION

I remember those long afternoons of raking our yard to the point of darkness, where the leaves were blended into an undistinguished blanket.

My hands, as I recall, became so numb that even my fingernails ached.

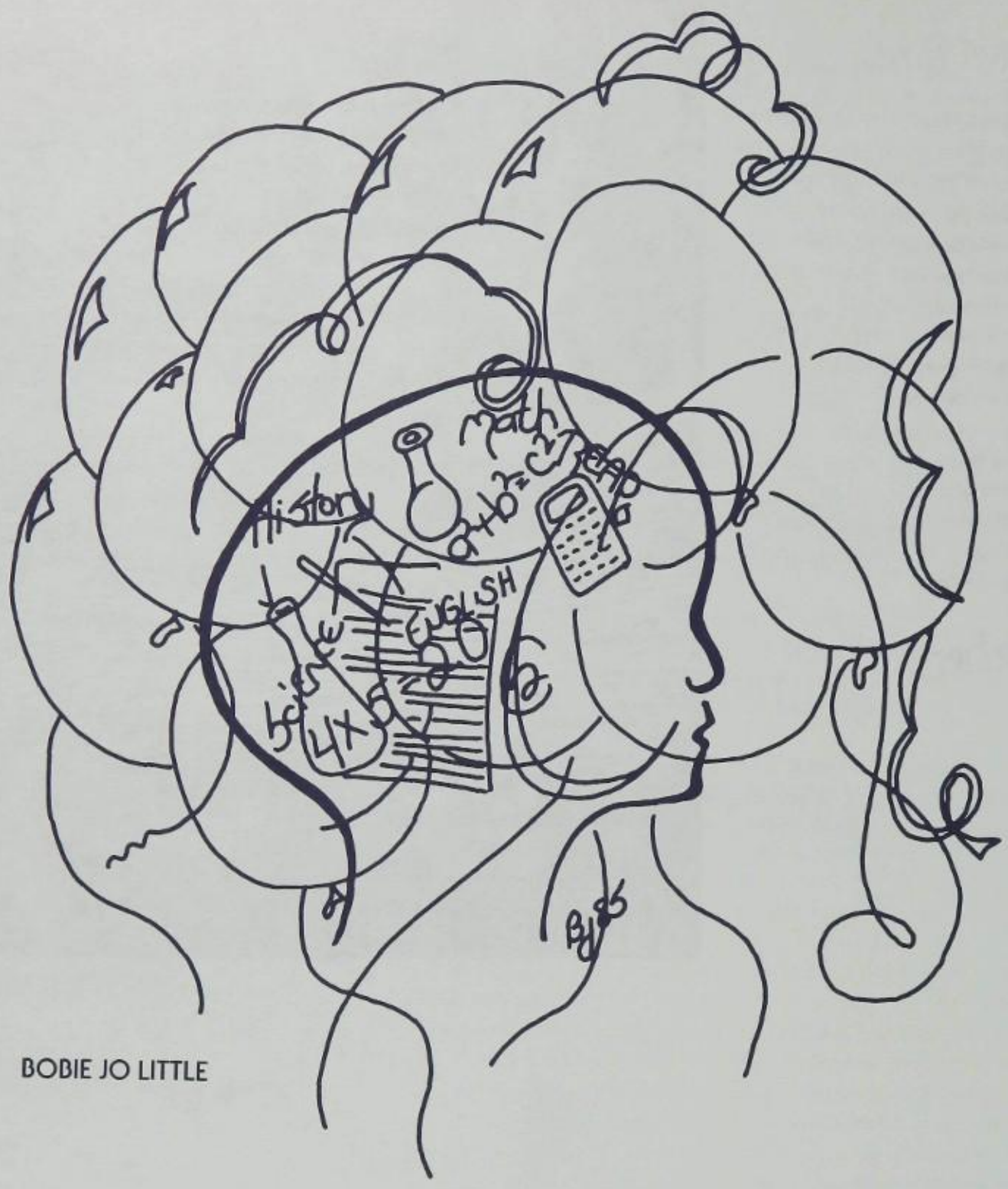
but it was a dull pain I would gladly experience again.

I can still see the white sky threatening the first snow of the season.

What anticipation I held during that time in my life.

I would accept the blisters, strained muscles and chapping wind to rake my yard of leaves once more.

Catherine M. Levin



BOBIE JO LITTLE

TO STUDY OR NOT TO STUDY

To study, or not to study, that is the question.
Whether it is nobler to your parents to suffer the dateless nights and headaches,
Or to take arms against a sea of falling grades,
and by opposing end them? To study: to be dedicated.
no more,
and by a dedication to say we end the anticipation and the two worried parents that we are heir to.
'Tis a problem devoutly to be wish'd to end,
to solve itself, to solve itself; perchance to learn
'ay, there is the rub;
For in that solving of itself what we may learn when we have cast off the ambitious drive
Must give us chance, there's the problem that makes us sad in the future.
For who can bear the whips and scorns of no education.

Delretta Jones

MODERN MAN

Modern man is caught up in a game;
Who's better than who, who wins the fame.
He is always striving to improve,
Studying hard and always on the move.
There is no time for caring or sharing.
Even if he manages to start a family,
He ends up tired and lonely
Because love loses out over money.
He is willing to do what it takes,
No matter the cost or how fake.

Yet there are those who have the secret
To love and success, and how to keep it.
Others look on with a jealous eye,
Wanting the secret before they die.
This man is not afraid to shed a tear,
For fear of a snicker or a snear.
He loves people and always cares
His feelings and emotions are beyond compare.
He will always be the lucky one,
Standing proud for what he's done.

Toni Griffin

WILL I FIT?

I am a fragment of a vast puzzle, hopelessly drowned by my counterparts, yet vaguely aware. That somehow I belong. One in 1600 pieces, all fitting yet all unique. My color is a lonely color. My size is an insignificant size. My shape is an ordinary shape. Alone I am nothing. But when snapped into place I am a component – a necessary part. I am vital to the intricate puzzle. But where do I fit?

I must search out my appropriate place. My solitude cracks its shell and I expose myself to the parts surrounding me. I watch and observe these parts and begin to scribble rough impressions onto my mind. I venture into the vast puzzle, gaining confidence and meaning as I progress. Suddenly I am engulfed by a flood of acquaintances, profiting from all of them, but reaching out only to those with whom I seem to fit. I have experienced a new feeling through friendship; an undefinable warmth. I learn from experience. With my friends I grasp every opportunity to try something new; to grow.

I am collecting a scrapbook of memories to glance through in some empty moment of the future, to reopen to the fullness I am living at the present. I feel through involvement; the excitement of an autumn game, the anticipation of a candidate, the strain of competition, the throb in defeat, the relief of receiving a club bid, the pride in a successful production, the heartiness of a half-time show, the freedom in dancing, the thrill of success.

I am one. You are one. Together we are not two, but one. I am anxious to give what I can – an idea, some talent, a lot of patience, many hours. In return I receive and grow and mature. I search out that which suited me best. I learn only through experience. I feel only through involvement.

One in 1660 pieces all fitting, yet all unique. There will be a new puzzle next year and the next, and the next. But never will it be the same, for never will there be the same combination and blending of individuals.

Never will there be another 1984.

Misty Lane

IN THE DARK OF THE NIGHT

Outside there was a ferocious storm pounding outside the window with a fearful force. Wattson was watching television at the late hour of 2 o'clock in the morning. His wife was asleep upstairs and the children were away for the weekend visiting their grandparents.

In two days it would be Halloween and there had been rumors going around the neighborhood about a pyscho-killer called "Dark Night" roaming around the streets and killing and terrifying people. Mr. Wattson didn't believe it, but he was a little shaken up by the thought.

As he sat there watching television he heard a sound at the door. He got up and looked out the window. He then peeked through the door to see if anyone was there. He opened up the door, but only cold air blew in. He cut off the t.v. and went into the kitchen to get something to drink. He soon heard a sound at the window. It was the same sound he heard before at the door. He looked out the window, but there was nothing there. "Probably just a branch," he said. His wife came downstairs and asked if he was coming to bed. He said, "Right now."

They fell asleep, but soon were awakened by a loud noise at the door. Wattson got up and went downstairs to see. He opened the door and the Dark Night jumped at him, knocking him down. He was soon helped up by the Dark Night and saw it was his twin brother, Troy, from Boston coming to visit him.

ALICIA JOHNSON

MICHELLE CORE

TV AND HE

The TV screen glows with movement, trying to hold the attention of its last and youngest view of the day. The boy watches with a combination of emotions glowing in his eyes.

He loves this friend of his, the TV, his escape. He wishes that the two of them could run away together, away from all of a young one's possible problems. He watches with such concentration and interest. He says to himself "If only . . ."

Suddenly he disappears. But, look on the screen, there he is! He has become part of the television, how unusual!

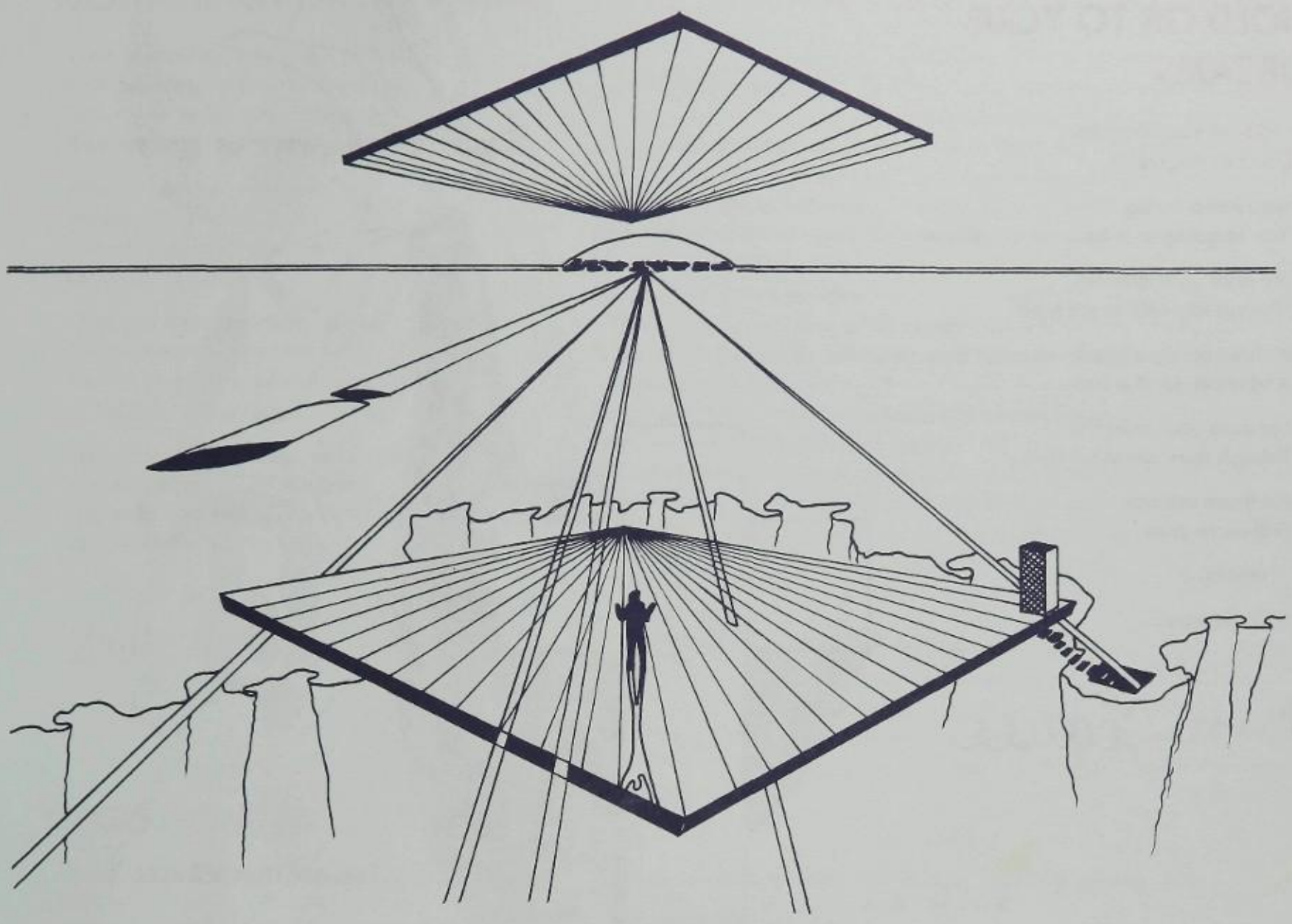
He could escape this way. The inner TV has become his dream world. He walks further into the distance of a kitchen, where a floor wax commercial is taking place. It changes, the scenery becomes a world of rainbows, sunshine, and fruit trees everywhere.

Then the boy appears on a silky cotton cloud and begins to walk on it. He comes to one that attaches to the rainbow, and he slides down, landing in a pond of cool, refreshing water, with lily-pads floating on top. He jumps out and begins to run on the healthy green hills of grass and fields, being careful not to step on all the beautiful flowers.

He plays and plays in the warm sun, and picks flowers, and seems to have no trouble filling his time with things to do. He wanders back to the pond to take a drink and sips until his thrist is quenched. He feels rather tired, so he decides to rest under a shady apple tree. Lying under it, he feels a gentle rain falling. It feels nice. He relaxes and falls asleep.

He hears a buzzing noise and decides to open his eyes, to find the fuzzy snow of the TV and the clock telling him that it is way past his bedtime. He pulls himself up, and takes one last glance at the now black television. He realizes that everything was just a dream. Wandering towards his room, he mumbles, "If only . . ."

Jenny Valella



BILL REESE

THE WIND AND THE STRANGER

The strong wind sings its anthems
through the treetops
Only a stranger would stop
and listen
Its melancholy sound drifting through the
forest and fading at the edge of the creek.
The stranger sees life here.

Everything is alive with sound and breath.
The wind whispers its secrets of
life to the stranger
and screams at its pains.

Then, just as life comes into its lungs,
it screams out its last breath
and the wind dies.
The stranger walks on.

Angi Hooten

HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS

Hold onto your dreams,
Don't ever give in.

If you keep trying,
You're going to win.

Hold onto your dreams,
Though sometimes it's hard.

Just hold up your head,
And reach for the stars.

Hold onto your dreams,
Though they seem far away

And those dreams
Will come true . . .

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Someway . . .

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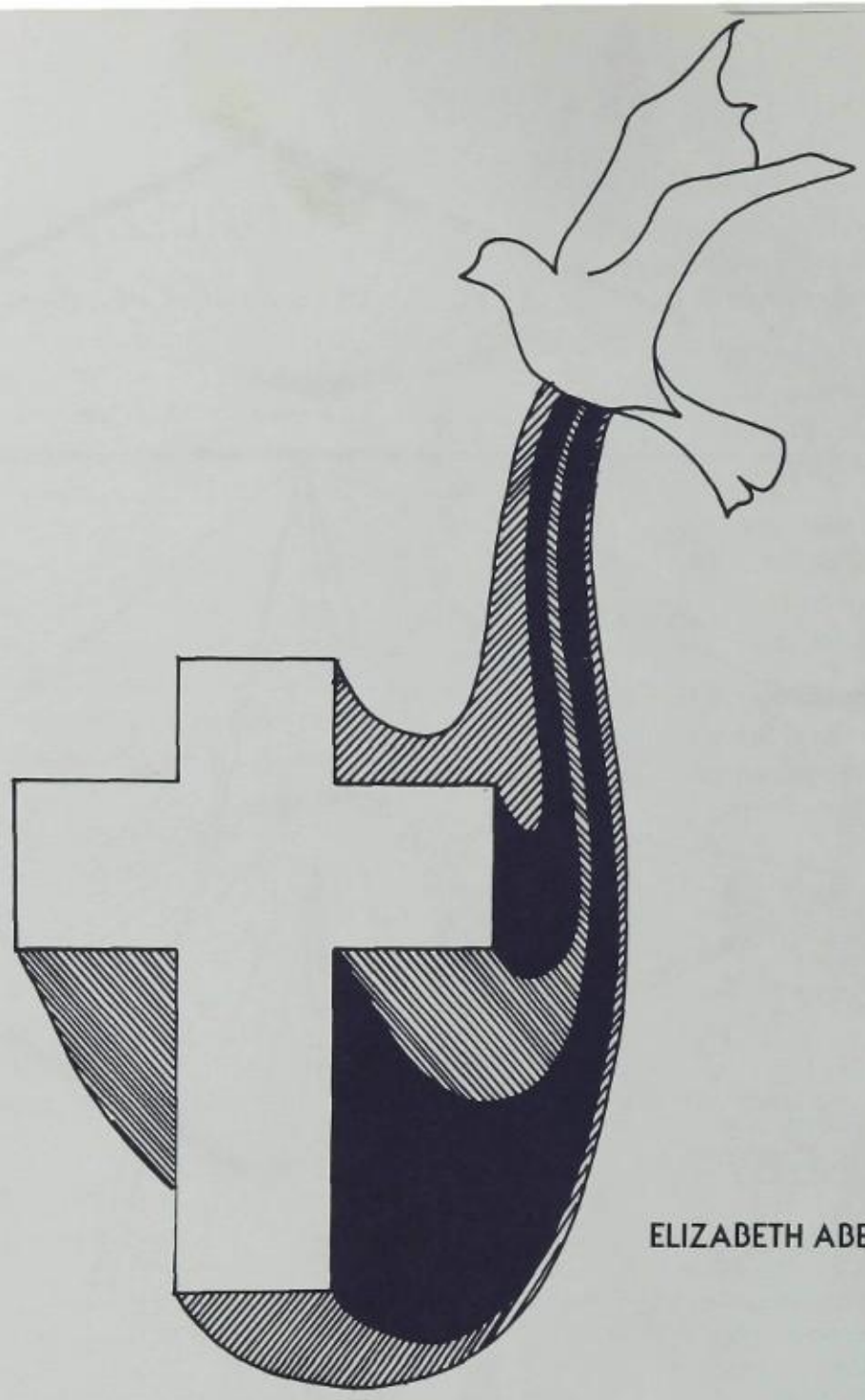


ELIZABETH ABERSOLD

A TIME TO LOVE

It's painful Lord, to realize that others may not see
Your loving spirit so alive, now guiding, helping me.

Your word is reassuring, and it always points the way
For me to understand then to follow and to pray.

Just now Your love is melting fast, and anguish and the pain,
As I reach out to share your words in tenderness again.

Dear Lord, You only can restore and heal a broken heart.
Amidst confusion, doubt and fear, Your love's a thing apart.

You promise us the gift of peace, your fellowship divine;
You let us see the victory, the joy that now is mine.

Please let Your contenance of love now penetrate and shed
Its glow on those in darkness, of whom I have no dread.

And may they, too, in gladness, share your treasuretrove of love,
That men might know eternity – our gift from You above.

Cindie Esquivel

SEARCHING FOR MY FRIEND

I see us walking along the beach,
Leaving footprints in the sand.
The water swirling out of reach,
You reaching for my hand.

Hand in hand we continue on,
Not knowing what to say.
The sun is now almost gone,
Ending a beautiful day.

Of all the men that have gone,
You're the only one that I miss.
It is the break of a new dawn,
As I silently reminisce.

I see us walking along the beach,
Leaving footprints in the sand.
The water swirling out of reach,
You reaching for my hand . . .

Sheila Garringer

MY FUTURE

Like a waterfall that runs over
and knows not of its destiny.
Like a bud not yet in bloom,
Like the sun which knows not it shall shine at noon,
I know not where I stand.
I know that I have an idea
Of my house, my love, and career.
When that day comes for me to walk upon the stage,
I will not turn back.
I must put books, reports, and underclassmen behind.
I will be free to run over and bloom.
But whatever shall come my way,
I know always that God will bless me
from day to day.

Cynthia Bellamy

YEARS GONE BY

Our time has come, our venture into the future, even as we look to the past. Dances, football games, pep rallies, homework – all behind us now and we think, "Our high school years are really finished!"

Glimpses of our future are already mixing with memories of the past four years.

Remember the teachers (bless them) and friends (ah, friends)! We hope never to be without them though miles and years separate us.

These last years should never fade from our memories, but should be cherished in our thoughts as the most carefree and happiest of our lives.

As we proudly walk the final steps that signify the end of these years and the beginning of so many more, let us all say a silent "thanks" to all who helped us make it to this precious moment in time.

Mona Ritter

PROMISES

If you promised to do
Something yesterday
You find that yesterday
Is gone forever.

If you promised to do
Something tomorrow,
You'll find that tomorrow
Never comes.

But if you promise to do
Something today it'll always
Get done, because today is here forever.

Tonya Borman

THE RACE

While I stood shaking upon the block
Awaiting the timers resetting their clocks,

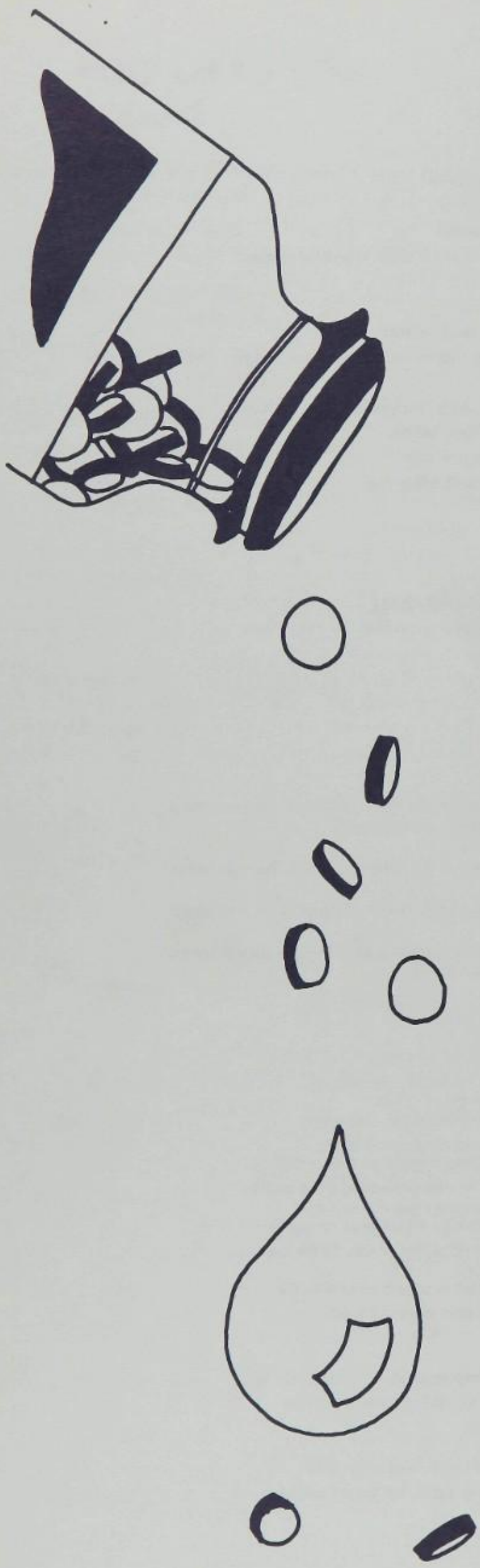
I started to think of what was to come.
The cold water and pain would be no fun.

I will dive in the water and really fly.
But no sooner do I start, I'll feel like
I could die.

Every pull of my arms and kick of my feet
Sends a pain through my body that
can't be beat!

But in the end I will feel so good
Because I know I did the best I could.

Toni Giffin



WHERE WAS I?

The night she killed hereself,
she was all alone . . .
Where was I?
I was at home.
We had a fight that night.
She left,
I cried.
She was very scared,
and I wasn't there.
If only I had told her once,
how much I did care!
I knew what she was going to do
She told me
I just didn't know if it were true.

I went looking for my friend –
she was my very best friend.
When I finally came home,
I found her on my bed.
There she was –
tears streaming down her face,
a bottle by her side.
She was dead!
I cried for days,
looking for the ways to forget
the fight we'd had that night.

If only . . .

Theresa Deming

JILL SOLICH

WHAT WERE THEIR REASONS?

About five years ago, I had the worst feeling of my entire life. I lost two of my close friends within two weeks of each other.

Tony was a young energetic boy of seventeen. He had blond hair, blue eyes, a tanned body, and was about 6' 2" tall. He was very cheerful and always had something to say.

His best friend, John, was the same way. Boy, could they make us laugh. John was one year younger than Tony but they got along just great. They were always together, even when it came to dating. John and Tony preferred the same kind of girls and usually double-dated together.

I remember when I was little they always came over to see my older sister and to pick on me, "the little sis." Everytime they went out I always tagged along. They never got mad, just let me do my thing and accepted the fact that I was younger than they. They always made me fit in and never joked about my age.

One night Tony was joking around while drinking and had his pistol out. He said he was going o kill himself. John joined right in the conversation and said, "Yah! We're going to do it together." No one took them seriously. We were all drunk and we figured, IT WAS JUST A JOKE!

Boy, what a joke! That night after Tony and John left, Tony's parents called and asked if Tony was there. We explained to them he had to take John home and he should be on his way. After about two hours Tony's mom called and asked if we had heard from Tony. We all started worrying and decided to go out to the woods where we spent much of our time. When we arrived, we saw Tony's truck parked way in the back. We all thought Tony just needed some time for himself. We never expected what we found. Laying by his truck was Tony's body with a hole in his head, made by a 22 pistol. Tony had positioned the gun and pushed the trigger with his toe. We all stood there crying, just looking at Tony's body. My older sister went back to the road and called the police.

We all decided not to forget Tony, but remember his good times. It was a week before his burial. To our surprise, John took Tony's death pretty well. He just kept saying, "I understand." The day of Tony's funeral was the first time we had all been together since the night we found him. It was hard to accept especially since we didn't know why he did it.

John was a loner after the funeral, and we didn't see much of him. One day he came around and was acting really happy and had no look of depression on his face. We all went out and partied that night, and toasted to Tony all night long. It seemed like John had finally accepted Tony's death. That night we all went home as usual. We had all planned to meet the next night at our usual hangout, the woods.

During the night something must have triggered in John's mind. Leaving this world, John entered his closet and slowly stepped up on the step-stool. Lying a rope around his neck, he stepped off the stool. He had no worries or ties left on earth except the rope around his neck.

Jacque White

LONELY WALK

I wander through the meadows, in all their sweet perfume,
And remember a walk long ago, one autumn afternoon.
The fragrance of yellow buttercups permeates the air,
And beautiful, colorful butterflies are seen fluttering everywhere.

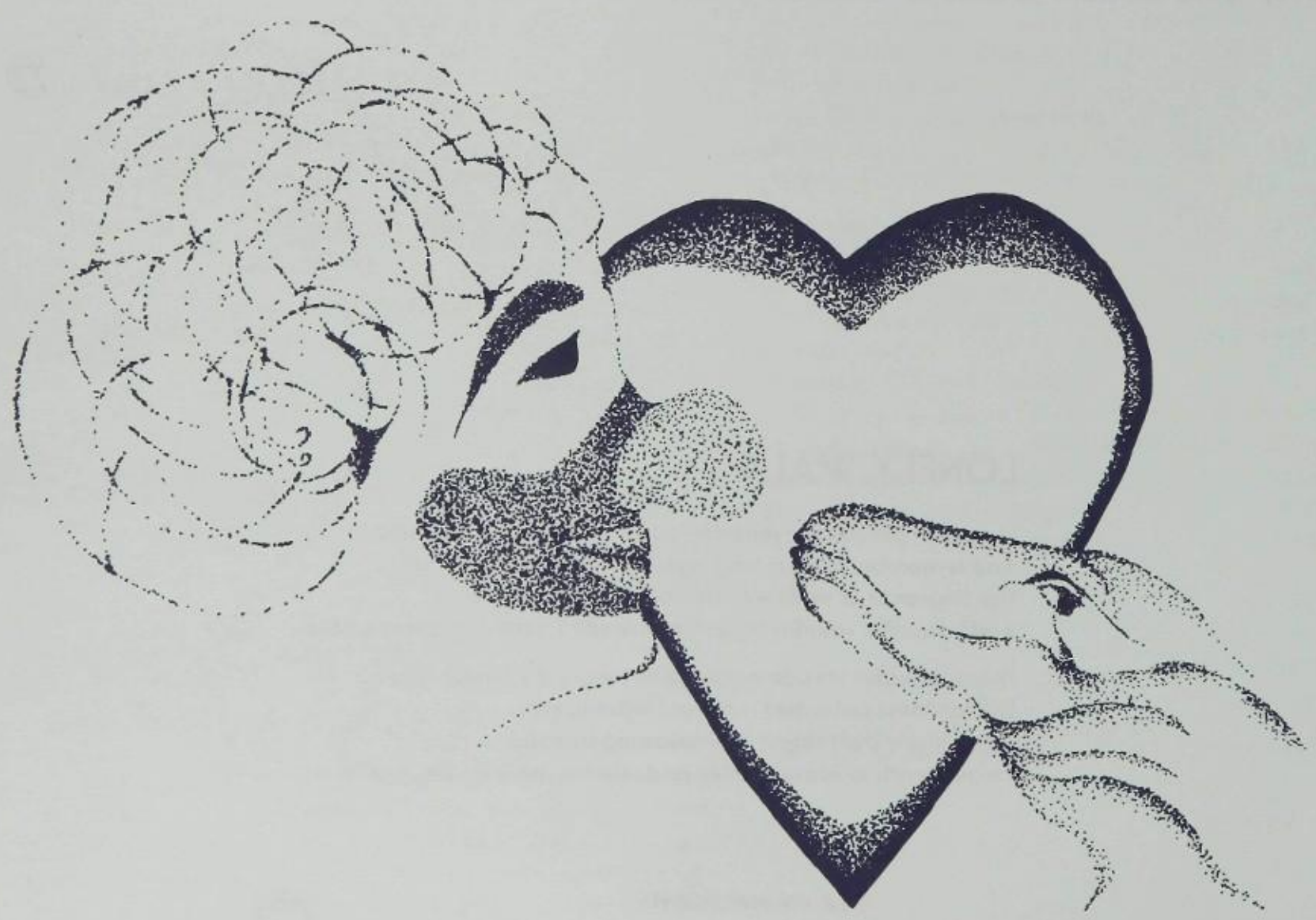
These thoughts invade my mind as I walk my lonely way.
The lonliness consumes me, yet I want to stay.
Now I know the feeling of everlasting sadness.
I want death to come quickly and release me from this madness.

Jeanann Davis

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LOVE POEM

It doesn't matter what they say,
I'll still love you anyway.
Even if your skin is green
And your teeth are quite unclean,
Even though you have no ears,
I'll still love you through the years.
I'll climb a mountain.
I'll fight a blizzard.
I'll stay with you
'Cause you're my lizard.

Dany Jeleniewski



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LONELY TOMORROW

Just sitting here thinking
Of things in the past.
Wondering why . . .
The good times don't last.

One day they're here,
The next day they're gone.
Then you're just left waiting
To face tomorrow alone.

It's usually hard . . .
And we don't want to do it.
Tomorrow is lonely
But we all make it through it.

We all get hurt
At some point in life.
The heart is bound to get broken
Over some kind of strife.

But then things are better,
And our hearts start to mend.
We just start to smile,
Then it happens again.

So then what do you do
With more lonely hours to spare,
Just wonder how many times
Your heart will repair.

The only thing to do
Is to live life with a smile.
Tomorrow may be lonely
But it only lasts a while.

Paula Howze

A LINE

There is a line
like a fishing line
holding me to you.

Someday,
I fear that line will jerk too hard
and I will either end up on the bank
gasping,
floundering,
dying
or
the hook will slip,
gash my mouth
and hurt for a while.

But the pain will fade.
and I will swim away.

Sharon Curry

THE END

Remember when we'd just begun?
We thought the day would never come.
At first time went so slow.
There were even times our heads hung low.
The days seemed like they'd never end,
But through it all, you were my friend.
As we look through the past,
These times have gone by so fast.
Friends have departed, even fun times too.
But remember this, I'll never forget you.
The day has come for us to part,
But don't ever forget your a place in my heart.

Shelley Shearer

AND NOW, "I DO"

I never knew how beautiful
An evening sky could be
Until I saw that little star
shining just for you and me.

I never felt the joy of walking
In every type of weather
Until I knew that we could watch
All four seasons change together.

I never took the time to watch
The sunset paint the skies
Until the colors of each day
Were pictured in your eyes.

I never walked through rain
And breathed fresh air
Until you taught me how to see
There's beauty everywhere.

I never knew that just a look
Could say so very much
Or realize the comfort of your smile
Your ever gentle touch.

So many joys were around
That I really never knew
Until we fell in love, Darrell,
And I shared them all with you!

Beth Gurnham

M.A.R.K.

'M' is for melt
like my soul when you touched me.
The same touch, that in time,
had slowly crushed me.

'A' is for adore
like the way I did you.
You were everything I loved
and everything I hated too.

'R' is for rip
which you did to my heart.
There's still one piece missing
and that is your part.

'K' is for the kiss
you used to possess me,
your soft lips so gentle,
you used to caress me.

Put them together
and what do you have?
The man of my dreams
yet who hurt me so bad.

It also stands for the mark
that you've put on my heart.
The wound will soon heal,
but the scar will have not.

Beth Ward

ANGELA PATE

US

I loved you then,
I love you now.
The love we shared is hard to be found.
Remember the times we had together
it went so fast and
I wish it would've lasted.
You tell me you love me
but you leave me again.
You gave me many fond memories —
ones that will never be forgotten
I still can remember how we were together
and you told me you'd always be there.
I go to the places where we sat and talked,
thinking you'd show up and
we'd be together forever.
You know I'd do anything
to get you back,
But I know it would've never lasted.
Although you love someone else now
I don't want you to hate me.
I'll take what you can offer.
A part of me will always
care and I hope someday
we can be friends.
I only know that loving you is right.
I'll always need you and I'll never desert you.
Joe, I'll love you forever!
Don't ever forget us.

Leigh A. Hoe

TO MY LOVE

Too many people never
Know what true love is.
I was blessed to find it with you.

I love to be with you,
To feel your arm around me.
The touch of your gentle kiss,
makes my body shiver with vitality.

You fill my thoughts,
my dreams,
and my hopes for the future.

I love to look into your
eyes and see them say "I love you."

I love you too!
I will miss seeing you everyday
My life is with you.
My love is for you.

I hope you have a great life.
I hope I am in that life.

I Love You Brian!

Jenny Valella

EYES OF BLUE

Your blue eyes have a hold on me.
They keep me in captivity.
I melt when I look into them,
Yet other times I freeze at the thoughts
behind them.
Your blue eyes are so suspicious,
I wonder what you're thinking.

Your blue eyes fulfill my wishes,
And inside them I am sinking.
Deeper and deeper and deeper I fall,
Till there's only blue, and that is all.
I would risk my life to keep those
eyes beside me always.

I could trust those eyes to guide
Me through the loneliest of days.
I put all my love and trust
in you . . .
or maybe just into those
eyes of blue.

Cindy Weber

THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS

Her outward appearance is only a glimpse of what she is inside.
Her beauty is witnessed by millions
Her poise is unmatched,
And she is mine –
well, sort of,
She is yours,
and yours,
and yours also.
Her inside personality and what she stands for is an honor.
She is almost a god,
to many she is.
She's thought about by people everywhere,
for they want to see and to touch her.
but now she is hollow.
She is old and tired,
but she still stands.
She's hurt,
but she still smiles.
She needs your help,
but won't beg for it –
she's too proud.
Keep the torch lit.
Save the Lady!

Bobby Ura

Stephan Frank

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As the sun goes down, the school year ended only to be reborn in time.

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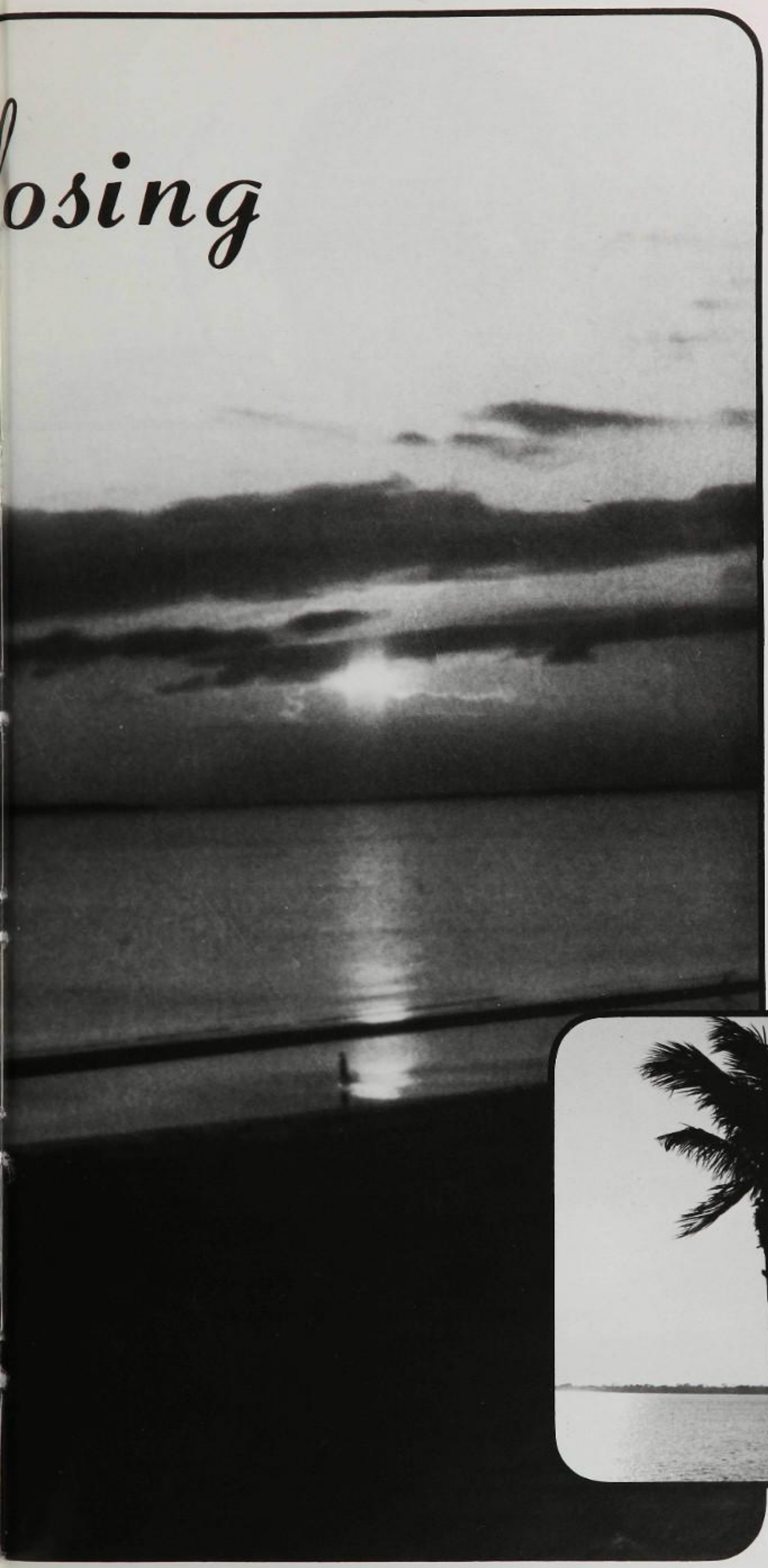

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As the Silver Anniversary at North Fort Myers High School came to a close, so did another year of learning and maturing. Students ventured throughout the year with a positive attitude, recalling the past, but preparing for the future. As you flipped through the pages of the Silver Anniversary Edition of *Lance*, you entered the personal lives of all Red Knights. Enjoying their laughter, sorrows, and trying moments, you empathized their innermost feelings.

As you read the stories, observed the pictures, and remember the days at North Fort Myers High School, a true feeling of pride and love for your "special family" comes to your heart.

Without the people of North High, the school would have been an empty building void of feelings and emotions. The students and faculty brought life and feeling to a certain special building located in a suburban community in Lee County.
It's the people that made North Fort Myers High School what it is today — special.

A romantic Florida scene depicts the tranquility and pleasant atmosphere of everyday life.

As Time Goes On the Staff Will Be Remembered

As the 25th Anniversary slowly came to an end, many Red Knights reflected on the past and those who were a part of that past. They realized that North's faculty and staff members were a significant and vital part of our school's history. These adults shaped the future for many a young Red Knight.

Numerous faculty and staff members remained with North's Red Knight family throughout many years. Some eventually retired, but others refused to teach elsewhere. Indeed, North's faculty has always been exceptional and very special to all Knights.

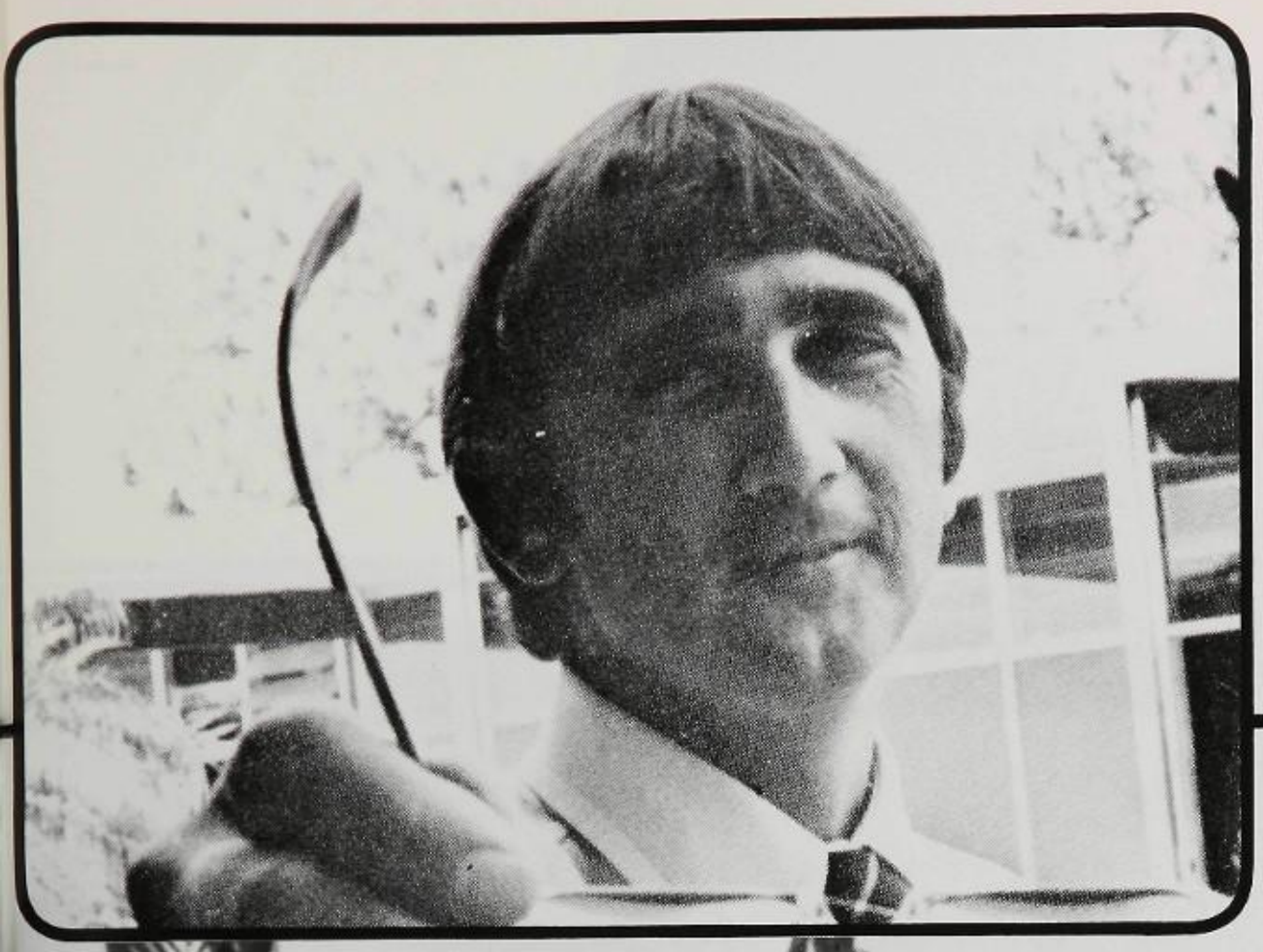
For many staff members, the regular 9½ month job was inadequate and they worked at other jobs during what was supposedly "vacation" time. Working part-time in the restaurant field was Lynn Hinkle. He demonstrated his expertise as a waiter at our local Chez Charlie. During her summers and the regular school year Dottie Evans was employed at Sears as security personnel. Owning her own landscaping business kept Nancy Ward busy all twelve months of the year.

Although this year came to an abrupt end, Red Knights who would be returning anticipated new faces and new ideas for the coming years. Part of this anticipation was the fact that familiar faculty faces would again welcome them after a brief summer respite. Mingled with those familiar faces would, of course, be a few new ones.

As the 25th Anniversary ended, teachers and staff were remembered along with the good times at North Fort Myers High School.

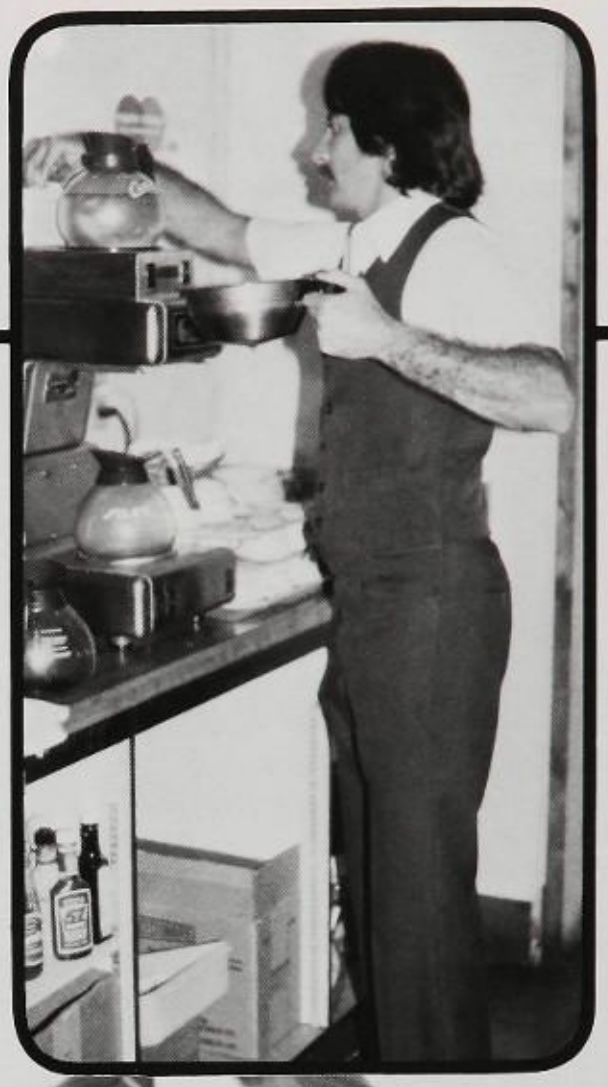
Tending the luscious green plants at Chez Charlie, Nancy Ward clips off the dead leaves.

Observing shoppers in Sears, Mrs. Dottie Evans watches for shoplifters.



Before being promoted to assistant principal, Mr. Steve DeShazo consuled the male students.

Meeting the customers' requests, Mr. Lynn Hinkle makes a fresh pot of coffee.



Even then, freshmen celebrated graduation.

Showing *Jackson Amerson* the traditional way to wear his mortor board is *Mr. Lee Werst.*

Newly promoted Seniors *James Beasley, Bill Co* and *Mark Waldee* are excited to finally be on top.

As Time Goes On Our Red Knights Move Up

Red Knights entered this 25th anniversary year with a spirit of celebration. Everyone knew this school year was going to be a "special" one. They would see and meet former Red Knights and would hear stories of "how it used to be." No matter which class one was a part of, he was anxious for the days ahead.

As we closed this year of jubilation, we ralized that challenges had been met and new ones would confront us. Having been considered second class citizens for ten months, North High's freshmen took a step up on the social scale and became classified as sophomores. No longer fearful of doing something wrong and being laughed at, freshmen ventured into their second year of high school.

Looking forward to buying class rings from Herf Jones, former sophomores eagerly anticipated their junior year. They began to prepare for their futures by seeking jobs and saving money for cars and dates.

Counting every day, juniors impatiently waited for their special day when they could be considered seniors. Starting to plan for college and securing permanent jobs, these soon-to-be seniors knew their last school year was going to be a busy one.

With the slowing down of our Silver Anniversary celebration, Red Knights felt the pride of tasks well done. We relished the memories of this year and vowed never to lose the *Red Knight spirit!!*

The moments and memories of the Silver Anniversary are over but will long be remembered.

Preparing for her future with Mike is Lisa Garrett.

As Time Goes on Life Is Just Beginning

As the Silver Anniversary Year came to an end, so did the high school days of the Class of 1985. How quickly those infamous and trying times during the freshman year were forgotten. Those timid and subservient ninth graders grew, matured, and developed the arrogance and prestige of being *the* graduating class.

It was time to face the ever-changing world. There was no turning back. All roads led to independence, and for some, it was difficult to choose which road on which to embark. Some classmates chose to enroll in college — either local, state, or out-of-state. Some secured full-time employment, while others chose matrimony and starting a family.

For those who decided to further pursue their education, decisions were continually made. "What classes will I take? What do I want to major in? What college is best? Which can I afford?" These and other challenges and choices confronted a large number of seniors.

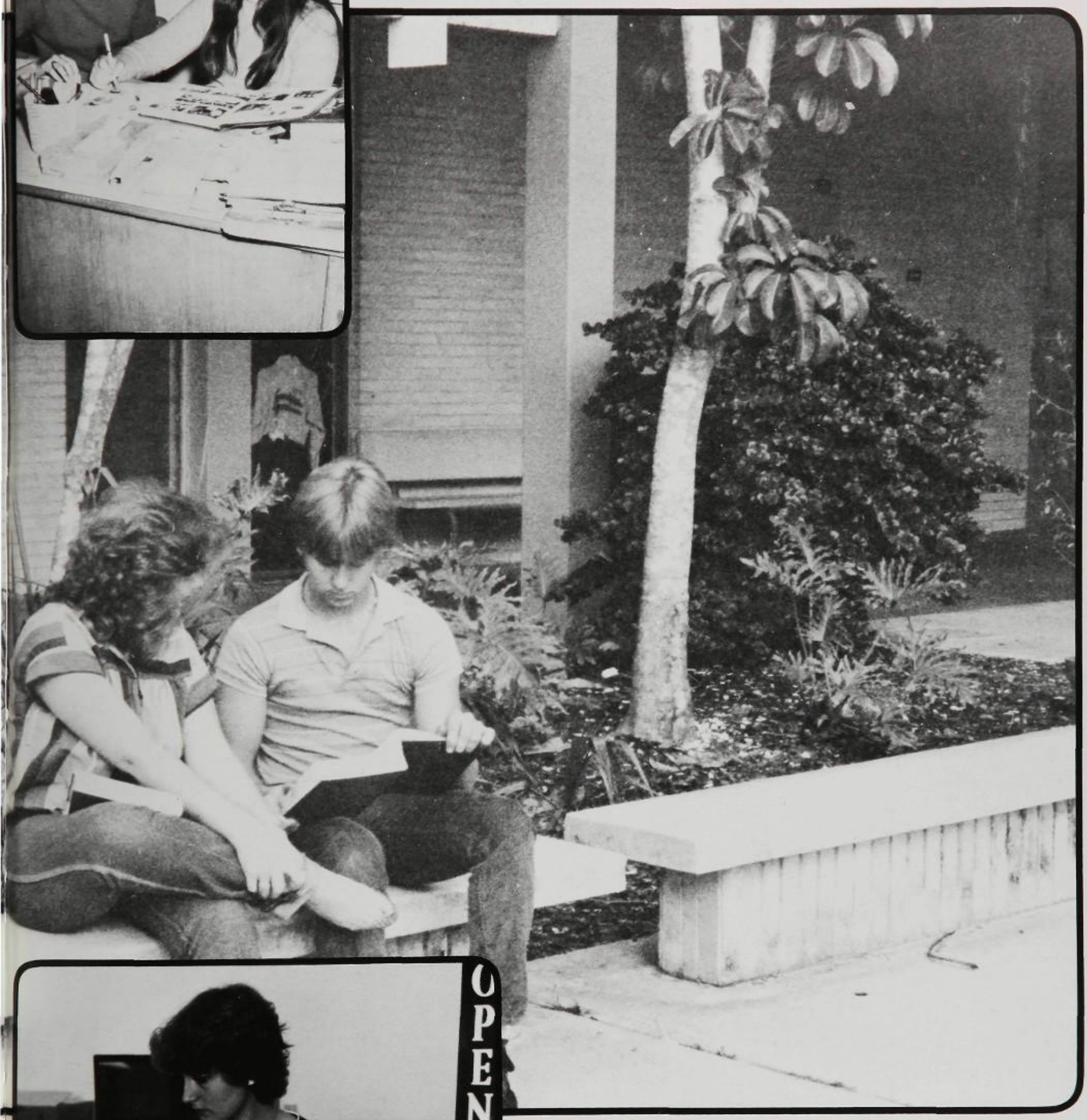
Those who preferred to seek full-time employment were confronted with lines like "We don't need anybody. We want someone with experience." Some seniors were successful in finding a steady full-time job and were usually content in banks, offices, stores, and private businesses.

Some members of the graduating class selected wedding announcements, bridal apparel, and reception menus. Hours were spent looking in catalogs and in stores so that all aspects of the wedding would be perfect.

Whatever the decisions they had to make, those seniors knew that whatever they chose, it would affect their entire lives. Therefore, the Class of '85 carefully considered their choices and planned their futures.

Working diligently for their future are former Knights.

Jacque White and *James Pearce* visit E.C.C. to get first hand experience.



After graduation *Darlene Williams* fulfilled her life by working at the bank.

Editors' Farewell

Fellow Red Knights:

Once again the 1985 *Lance* staff has put together a great yearbook. You, the students here at North High have brought about the moments captured in this book. Without you, there would be no memories.

It took considerable hard work and determination, but we did it!

Putting together the Silver Anniversary of *Lance* was such a thrill, something we will always treasure. The cover is a special embossed design with an expression grain. The majority of the pages were printed in 80 lb. glossy enamel. Pages 289-304 were printed in Vivatex with dark blue print. Body copy was set in 10 pt. Serif Gothic, while captions and folios were set in 8 pt. Serif Gothic. Headlines were 30 pt. Serif Gothic. All portrait work was done by Bryn-Alan Studio represented by Jim Rousseau. Candid and group photography was by Bryn-Alan and *Lance* staff photographers.

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As editors, we would like to thank those who have made our job so much easier.

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* Every *Lance* member — through the good and the bad, we did it.

* *Mr. Ron Binns*, our Taylor Representative, you were always just a phone call away.

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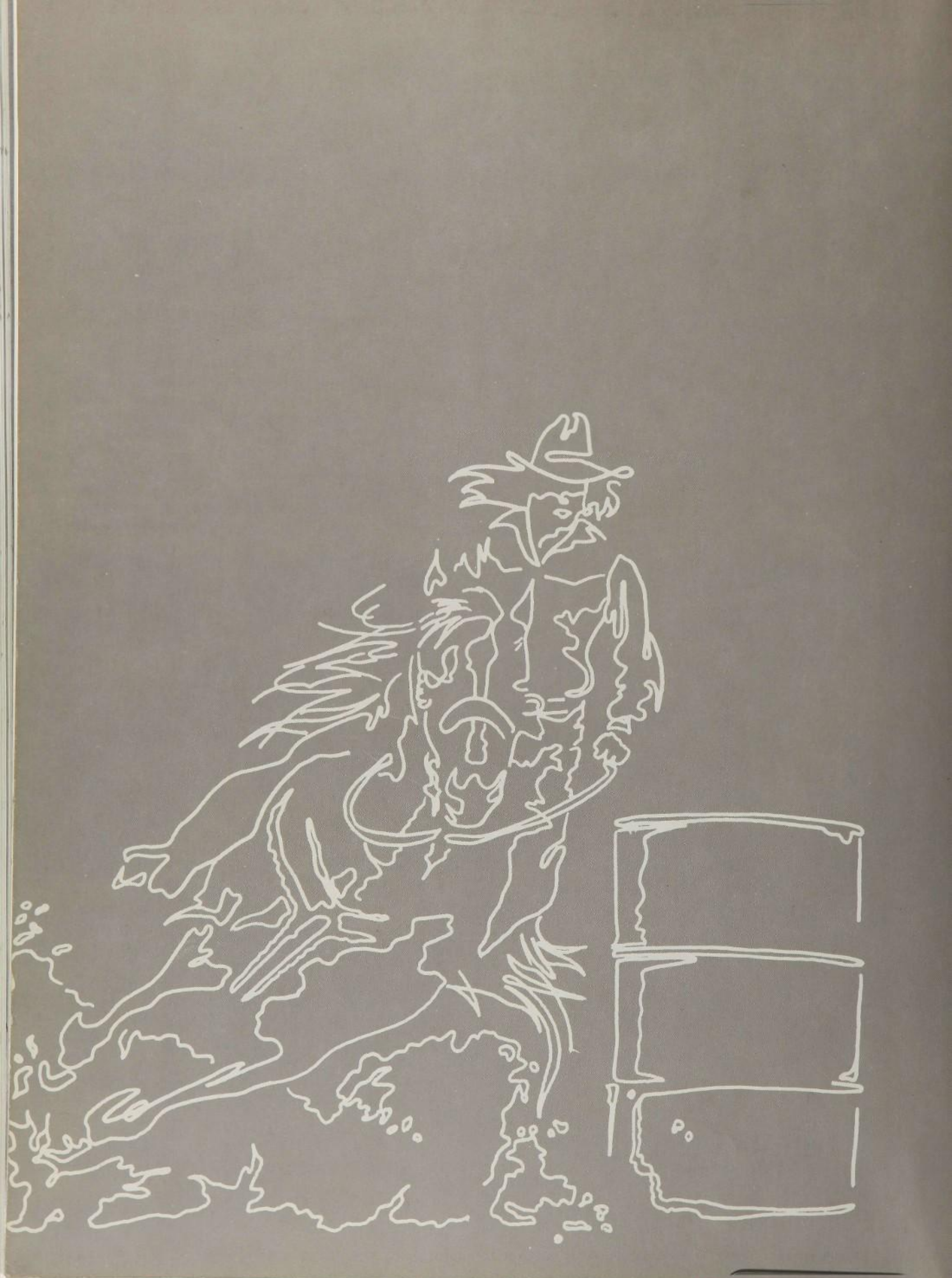
* *Mr. Stephen Frank* and his advanced art classes — your talent made our pages terrific.

* The administration and faculty — your patience and understanding enabled us those few extra hours.

We are so very proud of the 1985 edition of *Lance*. We hope that our fellow Red Knights will always cherish the Silver Anniversary Edition of *Lance!*

Beth Gurnham & Andy Welker



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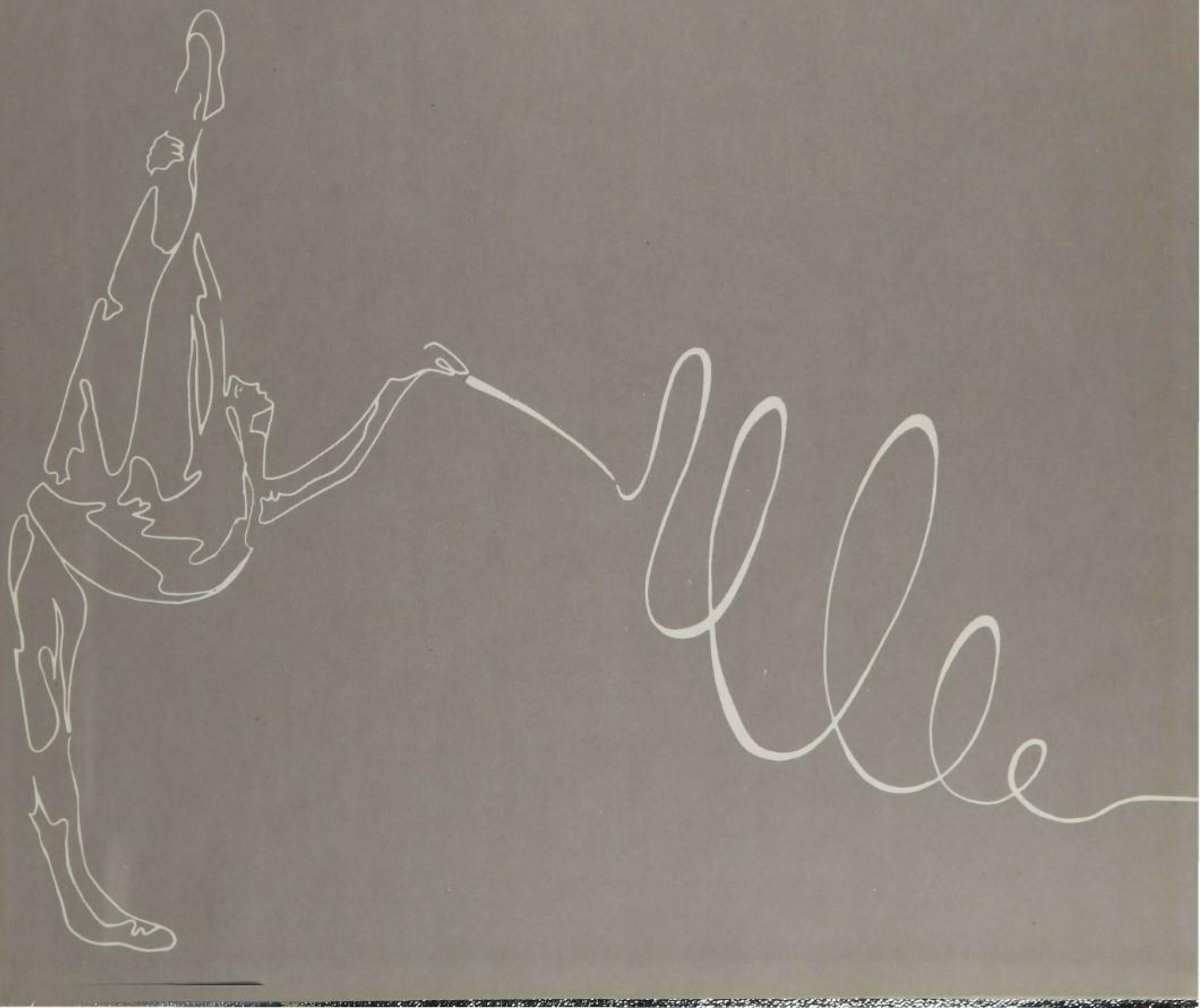
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